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PREFACE.

THE Tables of the prices of corn, which are here submitted to the public, are derived from original documents preserved at Oxford among the archives of the University, and the accounts of private Colleges. The Editor was first led into the examination of these documents, by observing that the accounts of the prices at Windsor, to which political writers so frequently refer, had been preserved only in consequence of the operation of the Act, 18th Eliz., from which an extract is given in page 9 of this work. Since therefore that Act applied as well to Oxford, Cambridge, and Winchester, as to Windsor, he concluded that similar accounts might be obtained from the other places mentioned in the Act, by any person who should have the opportunity, and would take the trouble, of making the necessary search.

Our knowledge of the prices of corn, antecedently to the commencement of the last century, is very scanty and imperfect. It is made up chiefly from casual notices collected from various authors, and (excepting in the case of the Windsor Tables) forms no connected series respecting any one place. Our information respecting the wages of labour is still more unsatisfactory. We have seldom sufficient data to enable us to compare the wages of labour with the prices of provisions at the very same place and time. Political writers, therefore, endeavour to form an estimate of

the condition of the labouring poor in former periods of our history, by comparing the price of the necessaries of life in one place with the wages of labour, near the same time, in a different and frequently a distant place; an inaccurate principle of judgment, which supposes, what is far from the truth, that the prices of corn and the wages of labour are respectively the same, at the same time, throughout the whole of the country: and though conclusions thus obtained, when cautiously drawn, and checked by reference to collateral circumstances, may in fact in many instances form tolerable approximations to the truth, yet is their utility much lessened by the imperfect character of the reasoning, and the distrust which we must necessarily feel in using them as the foundations of any further consequences.

The application also of this principle to former times is less safe than it would be to the present. The equalization of prices between different places depends on the facility of communication between those places, and it seems reasonable to suppose that formerly, when the roads were bad and communication difficult, considerable differences may have existed in prices, at places even not far from each other. These, and various other considerations, will indicate the importance of improving statistical accounts of this nature, and rendering them as numerous and perfect as possible.

Even if additional facts serve no other purpose than to confirm those which we already possess, and to verify the conclusions deduced from them, they are no small acquisition; and it is satisfactory to see how accurately the prices at Oxford correspond with the Windsor prices in leading to the same results which Adam Smith deduced, in his digression concerning the

variations in the value of silver, at the end of his first book.

He there deduces from the Windsor Tables the following averages of the price of the best wheat by the quarter.

	£.	s.	d.
For the 26 years ending with 1620	2	1	$6\frac{2}{11}$
For the 16 years ending with 1636	2	10	0
For the 64 years ending with 1700	2	11	$0\frac{1}{3}$
For the 64 years ending with 1764	2	0	$6\frac{12}{33}$
For the 10 years ending with 1740	1	17	$3\frac{1}{6}$
For the 10 years ending with 1750	1	13	$9\frac{1}{3}$

The same averages, deduced from the Oxford prices, will stand as follows:

For the 26 years ending with 1620	1	17	$10\frac{1}{2}$
For the 16 years ending with 1636	2	5	$1\frac{3}{4}$
For the 64 years ending with 1700	2	6	$1\frac{1}{3}$
For the 64 years ending with 1764	1	18	$7\frac{3}{4}$
For the 10 years ending with 1740	1	15	$6\frac{1}{2}$
For the 10 years ending with 1750	1	12	$1\frac{1}{4}$

So far as concerns Adam Smith's reasonings, which depended only on the variations of the prices, and not their absolute amounts, the Oxford prices correspond with those of Windsor to a surprising degree of exactness. But it is observable that they are uniformly lower than the Windsor prices, and most so in the earlier periods; and these differences, though they did not affect the conclusion in the question Adam Smith was considering, might be of importance in some other inquiries.

It seems not improbable that if we could obtain full accounts of the prices of corn in various parts of the kingdom for three or four centuries back, we should find them to have been considerably and permanently higher in some places than in others, and yet to have

varied from time to time in nearly the same proportion in all places. There appear also to be some grounds for a suspicion that the prices in towns were formerly materially higher than those of the country immediately adjoining. See page 5.

The Editor's first object was, as has been mentioned, merely to collect the prices by which the corn-rents had been fixed at Oxford under the Act of Elizabeth. But in the course of the search necessary for effecting that object, he met with other documents, concerning which it is superfluous to say any thing here, as a full account of some of them is given in the *Explanation of the Tables*, and copies of the rest are added in the Appendix. It may be sufficient to state, that during the preparation of the work, and after that Explanation was printed, it was judged expedient to add Table XI. for the reasons mentioned in the note in page 32.

Miscellaneous notices of prices of various commodities collected from manuscripts at Oxford, but belonging to different parts of the country, have also been added.

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CORRIGENDA.

In page 8, line 10, for 10*s.* read 10*s.* 8*d.*

In page 15, line 4, for Aug. 10 read July 7, and refer the last price of barley and oats in that page to May 3, 1324. See also notes in pp. 71, 73, 80, and 85.

In page 20, as the highest price at Michaelmas 1643, for 41*s.* 1*d.* read 41*s.* 4*d.*

In pp. 23 and 24, respectively, insert

1639	May 22	36	0	36	0	9	0	0
1655	Nov. 24	34	8	33	4	8	2	3

In page 23, 1643, July 27, for 48 read 0.

In page 25, for 1636 read 1637.

In page 30, as the price of wheat at Michaelmas 1763, for 3*s.* read 5*s.*

In page 31, as prices of malt in 1815 and 1817, for 6*s.* 1¼*d.* read 6*s.* ¼*d.*, and for 3*s.* 2½*d.* read 9*s.* 2½*d.*

Wherever in the notes the "Introduction" is referred to, understand the "Explanation of the Tables."

Some minute variances in the prices for the last 17 years, as given in Tables X. and XI., arise from the change of measure. Those in Table X. are true according to the accounts, but those in Table XI. are from the actual returns, and are the most correct.

EXPLANATION OF THE TABLES.

TABLES I. AND II.

THE prices given in these Tables are extracted from some ancient rolls found among the archives of the University. These rolls (of which a copy is added at the end of the book) contain the proceedings of the commissioners under an ancient statute respecting the assize of bread and beer, which directed the prices of corn to be ascertained by the verdict of a jury for the purposes of the act. The statute itself is entituled *Judicium Pilloriæ*, and is to be found in the statutes of the realm published by the commissioners of public records, vol. i. p. 201. The following is an extract from the English translation of the statute:

"If a baker or brewer be convict, because he hath not "observed the assize of bread and ale, the first, second, and "third times he shall be amerced according to his offence, "if it be not over grievous; but if the offence be grievous "and often, and will not be corrected, then he shall suffer "punishment of the body, that is to wit, a baker to the pil-"lory, and a brewer to the tumbrel, or some other correc-"tion.

"First, six lawful men shall be sworn truly to gather all "measures of the town, that is to wit, bushels, half and quar-"ter bushels, gallons, pottles, and quarts, as well of taverns "as of other places; measures and weights, that is to wit, "pounds, half pounds, and other little weights, wherewith "bread of the town or of the court is weighed; that is to "say, one loaf of every sort of bread. And upon every "measure, bushel, weight, and also upon every loaf, the "name of the owner distinctly written; and likewise they "shall gather the measures of mills. After which thing "done, twelve lawful men shall swear to make true answer

"to all such things as shall be demanded of them in the "king's behalf upon articles here following; and such "things as be secret, they shall utter secretly, and answer "privately. And the bailiffs shall be commanded to bring "in all the bakers and brewers with their measures, and all "things underwritten.

"First, they shall enquire the price of wheat, that is to "wit, how a quarter of the best wheat was sold the last "market day, and how the second wheat, and how the "third, and how a quarter of barley and oats.

"After, how the baker's bread in the court doth agree, "that is to wit, wastel and other bread after wheat of the "best, or of the second, or of the third price.

"Also, upon how much increase or decrease in the price "of wheat a baker ought to change the assize and weight "of his bread.

"Also, how much the wastel of a farthing ought to weigh, "and all other manner of bread, after the price of a quarter "of wheat that they present.

"And, for default in the weight of bread, a baker ought "to be amerced, or to be judged unto the pillory, according "to the law and custom of the court.

"Also, if any steward or bailiff for any bribe doth release "punishment of the pillory and tumbrel, being already judged "or to be judged of right.

"Also, if they have in the town a pillory of convenient "strength, as appertaineth to the liberty of their market, "which they may use if need be, without bodily peril either "of man or woman." &c. &c.

TABLES III. IV. V. VI. AND VII.

There are preserved among the archives of the University twelve volumes, containing the accounts of the clerks of the market, from Nov. 1617 to May 1645 inclusive, and from August 1653 to May 1658 inclusive. These accounts exhibit separately for every market day the prices and quantities of wheat sold, with the names of the buyers; and there are generally subjoined the prices of malt and barley, and dur-

ing a short period those also of beans, oats, and pease. For example, the following is a copy of the original entry for Saturday July 1, 1620.

			s.	d.
" Mrs. Clare	-	5 quarter	-	3 7
" Weeks	-	5 quarter	-	3 6
" Jennings		12 bushel	-	3 4
" Smith	-	4 bush.	-	3 4
" Osboston		16 bush.	-	3 7
" Wilmot	-	6 bush.	-	3 4
" Price	-	12 bushel	-	3 8
" Whistler	-	4 bushel	-	3 4
" Kensal	-	3 bushel	-	3 4
" Daniel	-	6 bushel	-	3 7
" Sanderhil	-	6 bushel	-	3 2
" Carter	-	3 bushel	-	3 4
" Isaake	-	11 bushels	-	4 0

			s.	d.
" Mault	-	-	2	1
" Barley	-	-	0	22
" Beans	-	-	2	6
" Oats	-	-	0	22"

The average price of wheat for that market day has been calculated from the above in the following manner:

		s.	d.			£.	s.	d.
5 quarters at		3	7	per bushel cost		7	3	4
-	-	3	6	-	-	7	0	0
12 bushels		3	4	-	-	2	0	0
4	-	3	4	-	-	0	13	4
16	-	3	7	-	-	2	17	4
6	-	3	4	-	-	1	0	0
12	-	3	8	-	-	2	4	0
4	-	3	4	-	-	0	13	4
3	-	3	4	-	-	0	10	0
6	-	3	7	-	-	1	1	6
6	-	3	2	-	-	0	19	0
3	-	3	4	-	-	0	10	0
11	-	4	0	-	-	2	4	0

Thus 163 bushels cost 28*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*; whence the average price of one bushel is 3*s.* 6½*d.* and of a quarter 28*s.* 3*d.*

Calculated in a similar manner, the average price of a quarter on

			s.	*d.*
Wednesday	July 5 was	-	27	2
Saturday	July 8	-	26	0
Wednesday	July 12	-	27	4
Saturday	July 15	-	27	7
Wednesday	July 19	-	26	1
Saturday	July 22	-	27	5
Wednesday	July 26	-	28	8
Saturday	July 29	-	26	0

Of which the mean is 27*s.* 2*d.*, which is the price entered in Table III. for July 1620; and in the same manner all the prices entered in that Table have been calculated.

The prices of malt, barley, beans, oats and pease, given in Tables IV. V. and VI. are the means of the several prices entered in the books of the clerks of the market for the periods to which they belong.

Table VII. is given with a view to the use of Table X. in order to furnish data for deducing the average prices from the best prices.

Accounts have been kept by the clerks of the market similar to those from which these Tables have been calculated, up to the present time; but the books containing them have not been preserved.

TABLES VIII. AND IX.

In the books of the clerks of the market before referred to are also contained the original orders for fixing the assize of bread and beer during the period to which those books extend.

The following is a specimen of the common form in which the orders for the assize of bread are expressed:

"Nov. 17, 1619.

"Wheat being at 29*s.* 6*d.* the quarter, the penny white

"loaf is to be at 11 ounces, a quarter, and 4 penny weight,
"and the other proportionable.

"JOHN PRIDEAUX, Vice-Cancell. Oxon.
"DEGORY WHEAR, } Cler. Merc."
"WILLIAM BENET, }

In a few instances there is a considerable departure from the usual form. Thus, in Nov. 1624, we meet with the following:

"The second price of wheat being at 5*s.* 6*d.*
(9 oz. dim.) "the bushel, the quarter at 44*s.*, the penny
"white loaf is to weigh seven ounces and a
"half, troy weight.
"The penny wheaten loaf is to weigh eleven
(14 oz. di.) "ounces and a half, troy weight.
"The penny household loaf fifteen ounces, a
(18 oz.) "quarter of an ounce, and 1*d.* weight sterling.
"This size to begin upon Tuesday the 9th of Nov. 1624.
"JO. PRIDEAUX, Vice-Can. Oxon."

By the second price is to be understood the highest price but one appearing in the account of the sales of the immediate market day.

The weights set down in the margin of the above order are the assize of the bread sold by the country bakers. This is evident from a comparison with other cases. For, though there is no other instance of the order itself being thus explicit with respect to the different qualities of bread, there are a few where the explanation has been added subsequently at the foot of the order, and in such a manner as to explain what is ambiguous in the present instance.

On the 27th of October 1626, the second price of wheat was quoted at 38*s.*, according to which the weight of the

	Ounces.	Q. oz.	Pennyw.	
Penny white loaf was to be	8	2	4	as fixed by the order.
Country white -	10	2	4	As appears from the calculation immediately following the order[a].
Town wheaten -	13	3	2	
Country wheaten -	16	3	2	
Town household -	17	3	1	
Country household -	20	3	1	

[a] Respecting these differences, see further in the Appendix.

The same difference of two ounces in the weight of the penny white loaf, and three ounces in the penny wheaten and household, for the town and country bakers, appears in other cases, and prevails nearly, though not accurately, throughout all. Sometimes a table of the weights of household bread, according to the price of the loaf from 1*d.* to 12*d.*, is also added. Such tables occasionally appear on spare leaves at the ends of volumes. They are seldom altogether free from blunders. Here is an example, which occurs on a spare leaf without any notice of the price of corn to which it relates.

"The penny loaf of the town household bread is to weigh "12 oz. and 6*d.* in silver.

"The 2*d.* - 24 oz. a half, and 2*d.* in silver.
"The 3*d.* - 36 oz. 3 quarters, and 3*d.* in silver.
"The 4*d.* - 49 oz. and 12*d.* in silver.
"The 5*d.* - 61 oz. and a half.
"The 6*d.* - 73 oz. and a half.

"The penny loaf of the foreigners household bread is to "weigh 15 oz. 1 quarter, and 3*d.* in silver.

"The 2*d.* - 30 oz. 1 half, and 6*d.* in silver.
"The 3*d.* - 45 oz. 3 quarters, and 9*d.* in silver.
"The 4*d.* - 61 oz. and 12*d.* in silver.
"The 5*d.* - 76 oz. 1 quarter, and 3*d.* in silver.
"The 6*d.* - 91 oz. 3 quarters, and 3*d.* in silver.
"The 7*d.* - 107 oz. and 6*d.* in silver.
"The 8*d.* - 122 oz. 1 quarter, and 9*d.* in silver.
"The 9*d.* - 137 oz. 1 half, and 12*d.* in silver.
"The 10*d.* - 152 oz. 1 half, and 6*d.* in silver.
"The 11*d.* - 167 oz. 3 quarters, and 9*d.* in silver.
"The 12*d.* - 189 oz. a half, and 6*d.* in silver."

The orders themselves, however, with the single exception before noticed, sum up all these details under the words "and the other proportionable," and in general the books furnish no information respecting them.

The quoted prices are commonly those of the immediate market day, but sometimes they differ from them, and par-

ticularly when the price of corn is high. Thus, on the 9th of September 1637, the lowest price of corn appears to have been 49*s.* 4*d.* the quarter, and the average as high as 51*s.* Nevertheless on the same day the following order was made:

"The price of wheat *agreed to be* at 47*s.* the quarter, the "penny white loaf is to be seven ounces, and the rest to be "made up weight proportionably: this assize to begin the "12th of this present month of September 1637."[a]

So again, on the 10th of March 1637-38, the lowest price was 64*s.*, the average 65*s.* 6*d.*, and the highest 69*s.* 4*d.* the quarter. But the assize was fixed the same day by an order in the following terms:

"The price of wheat being for the three immediate mar-"ket days at 8*s.* the bushel and more, and for four imme-"diate market days preceding them at 7*s.* the bushel and "more, it was agreed that the rate for the present should be "according unto 8*s.* the bushel, and for the quarter at 3*l.* 4*s.*: "so the assize of the penny white loaf is to be five ounces "3½*d.* weight, and so proportionable. This assize to begin "the 12th of March 1637."

The following is the only other instance of any material deviation from the usual form:

"June 13, A. D. 1644.

"The first price of wheat being 5*s.* the bushel, the market "day Wednesday the 12th of June 1644, the penny loaf of "wheaten bread made of meal dressed through a meal sieve "only, according to His Majesty's proclamation the 3d of "June 1644, is to be 12 ounces, of which bread no baker "shall sell to any person who shall retail it more than 13 to "the dozen; neither may any baker bake any bread here in "Oxford of a finer sort than that aforesaid."

With respect to the assize of beer, the orders run generally according to the form of the following one, made April the 20th, 1620:

"Malt being at 17*s.* 4*d.* the quarter, the barrel of double "beer is to be at 8*s.* 8*d.*, and the middle and single beer pro-"portionable, viz.

[a] A week before, however, the average price had been as low as 47*s.* 8*d.* not much above the price mentioned in the order.

" Double beer	-	8*s.*	8*d.*
" Middle beer	-	6	6
" Single beer	-	4	4

" and the ale at 4*s.* 8*d.* the quarter."

The following are deviations from the usual form:

" Barley, from Michaelmas to this present 25th of Feb. " 1636, hath been every week sold for 24*s.* the quarter, " sometimes more; malt hath been ordinarily sold for 26*s.* " 8*d.* the quarter, sometimes more; this present it was sold " for 26*s.* 8*d.*: so the assize of double beer is to be at 10*s.* the " barrel, and so proportionably, and the assize of ale 5*s.* 8*d.* " the quarter. This assize to begin Feb. 27, 1636." (1637.)

" April 7, 1656.

" Malt being at present at 17*s.* 6*d.* the quarter, or there- " abouts, and for many just reasons agreed on for the relief " of the brewers, taking consideration of the present rise " of the prices of their fewel, hop, cask, and other mate- " rials, as also for the preventing of some inconvenience; " the price of double beer shall be 9*s.* 4*d.* the barrel, *the* " *middle at* 6*s.*, the single at 4*s.* 8*d.* the barrel, and ale at " 4*s.* 10*d.* the quarter. This assize to begin the 8th of April, " and to continue until further order."

In general the price of the single beer is half that of the double beer, and that of the middle beer the mean between the other prices. There are two exceptions with respect to the middle beer, of which one occurs in the order just noticed.

The mode of expressing a quantity of ale by the quarter is not known in Oxford at present: perhaps a quarter of a barrel was intended.

In Table VIII. are given the prices quoted in the orders for the assize of bread, with the corresponding weights of the penny white loaf. Similarly, in Table IX. are given the quoted prices of malt, with the corresponding prices of the barrel of double beer, and the quarter of ale.

TABLE X.

This table exhibits the prices of corn obtained from the accounts of the rents of different colleges.

By the act 18th Eliz. cap. 6, it was enacted, that in all college leases to be made after the end of that session of parliament, one third part at the least of the old rent should be reserved in wheat and malt, after the rate of six and eightpence the quarter for wheat, and five shillings the quarter for malt, and such rents, unless delivered in kind, to be paid for after the rate at which the best wheat and malt should be sold the next market day before the said rent should be due[a].

As an example of the operation of this statute, a case may be taken of a college estate, of which the ancient rent ante-

[a] The words of the statute are these: "For the better maintenance of learning, and the better relief of scholars in the universities of Cambridge and Oxford, and the colleges of Winchester and Eton, be it enacted by the Queen's Majesty, the lords spiritual and temporal, and the commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that no master, provost, president, warden, dean, governor, rector, or chief ruler of any college, cathedral church, hall or house of learning in any of the universities aforesaid, nor any provost, warden, or other head officer of the said colleges of Winchester or Eaton, nor the corporation of any of the same, by what title, stile, or name soever they now be, shall or may be called, after the end of this present session of parliament, shall make any lease for life, lives, or years of any farm, or any of their lands, tenements, or other hereditaments, to the which any tithes, arable land, meadow or pasture doth or shall appertain, except that the one third part at the least of the old rent be reserved and paid in corn for the said colleges, cathedral church, hall, and houses; that is to say, in good wheat after six shillings and eightpence the quarter or under, and good malt at five shillings the quarter or under, to be delivered yearly upon days prefixed, at the said colleges, cathedral church, hall, and houses; and for default thereof to pay to the said colleges, cathedral church, hall, or houses, in ready money, at the election of the said lessees, their executors, administrators and assigns, after the rate of the best wheat and malt in the market of Cambridge, for the rents that are to be paid for the use of the house or houses there; and in the market of Oxford, for the rents that are to be paid for the use of the house or houses there; and in the market of Winchester, for the rents that are to be paid for the use of the house or houses there; and in the market of Windsor, for the rents that are to be paid for the use of the house or houses at Eaton; is or shall be sold the next market day before the said rent shall be due, without fraud or deceit: and that all leases otherwise hereafter to be made, and all collateral bonds or assurances to the contrary, by any of the said corporations, shall be void in law to all intents and purposes, &c. &c."

It is from the operation of this statute that the Tables known as the "Windsor Tables" have arisen. Probably materials for similar Tables might be obtained from Cambridge and Winchester.

cedently to the statute was 6*l.* In all leases subsequently to the statute there was reserved a rent of 4*l.* in money, and three quarters of wheat and four quarters of malt, which quantity of corn was equivalent to the remaining 2*l.* at the prices mentioned in the statute. This corn rent was paid according to the actual prices of wheat and malt at the time of the rent's becoming due; and thus the operation of the statute occasioned the prices of corn to appear in the college accounts.

The books of different colleges differ occasionally in the prices of the earlier years. Probably some time elapsed before the mode at present in use of obtaining a certificate from the clerks of the market was adopted. In the books of the clerks of the market preserved in the archives of the University, and which have been already mentioned in the notices of the preceding Tables, a distinction is made of the two market days on which the rents depend, from Michaelmas 1624 downwards, but not earlier, by the accounts for those days being signed by the Vice-Chancellor. Sometimes also there appears a formal certificate of the best prices of wheat and malt, similar to those at present in use, and signed by the Vice-Chancellor and the clerks of the market. Hence it is probable that before 1624 no uniform method of ascertaining the prices was practised throughout the University.

The prices given in the Table for Michaelmas 1584, and for Lady-day in 1585, 1586, 1587, and 1588, are not obtained from any conclusive data. All that is certain respecting them is, that a corn-rent of three bushels of wheat and four bushels of malt amounted in money

			s.	*d.*
at Michaelmas	1584	to	12	9
at Lady-day	1585	to	13	3
at Lady-day	1586	to	21	2
at Lady-day	1587	to	27	10
at Lady-day	1588	to	10	0

If the relation of the prices of wheat and malt were certain and invariable, the above data would be sufficient from

which to calculate the prices of wheat and malt at the times to which they relate. But it is not so, the price of wheat being sometimes double that of malt, or even more, and sometimes falling to the proportion of 5 to 3, or even lower. There are, however, circumstances which will enable us to fix the prices from these data with tolerable confidence.

We may reasonably assume that the prices of the bushel of wheat and malt, from which the above corn rents were estimated, were expressed in whole numbers of pence; according to which assumption the cotemporary prices of wheat and malt will be limited to the following cases, the cases of the price of wheat approximating to that of malt on the one hand, or much exceeding the double of it on the other, being excluded as extravagant.

		s.	d.		s.	d.
At Michaelmas 1584	wheat may have been at	2	3	or	2	7
	with malt at -	1	6		1[a]	3
At Lady-day 1585	wheat may have been at	2	5		2	9
	with malt at -	1	6		1[a]	3
At Lady-day 1586	wheat may have been at	3	10		4	2
	with malt at -	2[b]	5		2	2
At Lady-day 1587	wheat may have been at	5	2		5	6
	with malt at -	3[b]	1		2	10
At Lady-day 1588	wheat may have been at	1	8		2	0
	with malt at -	1	3		1[a]	0

We may be enabled to form a selection from these cases by attending to the following considerations:

1st. It is apparent on inspection of the Table that the Lady-day prices have in general some connection with those of the preceding Michaelmas.

2dly. The prices of wheat and malt rise and fall together: at least there is never any considerable rise or fall in either without some rise or fall in the other.

3dly. The prices of wheat vary more than those of malt: in a dear year wheat rises more, in a cheap year it falls more than in proportion to malt.

With reference to these principles the cases marked (a) are excluded on the ground of their exhibiting too great an inequality in the prices of wheat and malt for cheap seasons,

and the two first of them also on the ground of their exhibiting a fall in the price of malt with a rise in that of wheat; the cases marked (b) are excluded on the ground of their not exhibiting a sufficient inequality in those prices for dear seasons, and also on the ground of their exhibiting too great a rise in the price of malt compared with wheat. There remain only the cases entered in the Table, which are free from these objections, and correspond very well with the prices which precede and succeed them, in conformity with the considerations mentioned above.

The ancient market days at Oxford were Wednesday and Saturday, and down to 1658 (the latest date to which the old accounts of the clerks of the market reach) there is no ground for believing that there was any difference between the two market days. Wednesday, however, has ceased to be a market day for corn, for 25 years at least, and probably for nearly 100, except in a very trifling degree. It is said that till the practice of selling by sample was begun about 25 years ago, there was generally some corn pitched on a Wednesday, though frequently little or nothing more than what remained unsold from the preceding Saturday. Nevertheless, the colleges still look for a price from the Wednesday's market, whenever the rent day falls on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday; and it frequently happens that notwithstanding that particular notice is given to the corn factors to make a return of all corn purchased by them, no account can be obtained of any corn having been sold. In such a case, the most natural resource would seem to be, to recur to the prices of the preceding Saturday. The practice, however, has been to drop the enquiry for that time, and to continue the rents at the prices of the preceding half-year. Consequently where within the last 90 or 100 years the same prices appear to recur in succession, it is possible they may be merely nominal prices. The market days from which the prices for 1737 and 1738 ought to have been obtained were all Wednesdays, and from the peculiarity of the amount given in the Table, it is probable that the price of wheat at Michaelmas 1736 was continued for two years. The certificates from the year 1760 have been preserved in

one of the colleges: and from them it is apparent in what cases since 1760 there has been no corn really sold, and therefore the prices so ascertained to be fictitious are omitted in the Table.

In 1813, for the first time, the returns were made according to the Winchester measure; and from that time the practice has been to correct the returned prices, previously to the calculation of the rents, by the addition of one-eighth to the price of wheat, and one-sixteenth to that of malt. Hence it would seem, that wheat had been formerly sold at Oxford by a bushel of nine gallons, and malt by a bushel of eight and a half gallons. The prices entered in the Table are continued throughout according to the ancient bushel.

Formerly the price of malt scarcely exceeded that of barley at any time, and occasionally it fell below it. Malt measures something more in bulk than the barley it is made of, and the difference is, or at least used to be, nearly a sufficient compensation to the maltster for his trouble. Since the imposition of a tax upon malt, the price has risen more than by the amount of the tax. The prices of malt given in the Table are simply the differences between the market prices and the amount of the tax. They therefore in all probability bear a higher ratio to the price of barley than before the tax was imposed.

TABLE I.

WHEAT BY THE QUARTER.

		1st quality.		2d quality.		3d qual.	
		s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1309.	3d Ed. II. about Oct. 19. -	8	0	7	6	7	0
1309.	3d Ed. II. about Nov. 1. -	8	0	7	6	7	0
1309.	3d Ed. II. about Nov. 20. -	8	0	7	6	7	0
1309.	3d Ed. II. about Dec. 21. -	8	0	7	6	7	0
1309-10.	3d Ed. II. about Jan. 13. -	8	0	7	6	7	0
1309-10.	3d Ed. II. about March 12. -	8	0	7	6	7	0
1310.	3d Ed. II. about March 20. -	8	8	8	0	7	8
1310.	3d Ed. II. about Ascension-day	10	0	9	6	8	8
1310.	3d Ed. II. about Whitsuntide	10	0	9	6	9	0
1310.	3d Ed. II. about June 11 -	10	0	9	6	9	0
1310.	4th Ed. II. about July 17 -	9	6	9	0	8	6
1310.	4th Ed. II. about Sept. 1 -	8	0	7	6	7	0
1310.	4th Ed. II. about Sept. 29 -	7	6	6	8	6	0
1310.	4th Ed. II. about Oct. 28 -	8	0	7	6	7	0
1310.	4th Ed. II. about Nov. 1 -	8	0	7	6	7	0
1310.	4th Ed. II. about Nov. 25 -	8	0	7	4	6	8
1310.	4th Ed. II. about Dec. 13 -	7	8	7	0	6	8
1310-11.	4th Ed. II. about Jan. 6 -	7	8	7	0	6	8
1310-11.	4th Ed. II. about Jan. 20 -	8	0	7	8	7	0
1310-11.	4th Ed. II. about Feb. 14 -	8	2	7	8	7	0
1311.	4th Ed. II. about March 25 -	8	0	7	6	7	0
1311.	4th Ed. II. about April 23 -	7	6	7	0	6	8
1311.	4th Ed. II. about June 29 -	7	0	6	6	6	0
1311.	5th Ed. II. about Aug. 1 -	6	4	5	8	5	4
1311.	5th Ed. II. about Aug. 24 -	5	0	4	6	4	0
1311.	5th Ed. II. about Oct. 13 -	4	10	4	6	4	2
1311.	5th Ed. II. about Nov. 3 -	5	2	4	8	4	4
1311.	5th Ed. II. about Nov. 1 -	5	4	4	8	4	4
1311.	5th Ed. II. about Dec. 21 -	5	4	5	0	4	4
1311-12.	5th Ed. II. about Jan. 25 -	5	0	4	6	4	0
1311-12.	5th Ed. II. about March 12 -	4	10	4	6	4	4
1312.	5th Ed. II. about April 25 -	4	8	4	4	4	0
1312.	5th Ed. II. about May 26 -	4	8	4	4	4	0
1312.	6th Ed. II. about August 1 -	5	0	4	6	4	2
1312.	6th Ed. II. about Nov. 17 -	4	10	4	6	4	0
1312.	6th Ed. II. about Dec. 8 -	4	10	4	6	4	2
1312-13.	6th Ed. II. about Jan. 20 -	5	0	4	6	4	0
1312-13.	6th Ed. II. about March 12 -	5	2	4	8	4	6
1313.	7th Ed. II. Nov. 29 -	5	6	4	8	4	2
1313.	7th Ed. II. Nov. 30 -	5	6	5	0	4	6

		1st quality.		2d quality.		3d qual.	
		s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1313.	7th Ed. II. about Dec. 21 -	5	6	5	0	4	6
1313-14.	7th Ed. II. about Jan. 13 -	5	6	5	0	4	6
1314.	7th Ed. II. about April 23 -	0	0	5	0	4	6
1314.	8th Ed. II. about Aug. 10 -	6	8	6	4	6	0
1314.	8th Ed. II. about Sept. 14 -	0	0	5	6	5	0
1314.	8th Ed. II. about Oct. 13 -	6	8	6	0	5	4
1314.	8th Ed. II. about Nov. 11 -	7	0	6	6	6	0
1315.	8th Ed. II. about April 4 -	7	6	7	0	6	6
1315.	8th Ed. II. about June 24 -	8	0	7	6	7	0
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1324.	17th Ed. II. about April 11 -	6	8	6	0	5	6
1324.	17th Ed. II. about May 3 -	6	8	6	0	5	6
1324.	17th Ed. II. soon after May 3 -	6	8	0	0	0	0
1324.	17th Ed. II. about May 6 -	6	10	6	0	5	6
1324.	17th Ed. II. about May 31 -	6	8	6	0	5	6
1324.	17th Ed. II. about June 29 -	7	4	6	8	6	0
	18th Ed. II.[b] - -	6	8	6	0	5	6
	19th Ed. II.[c] - -	5	8	5	4	5	0
1325.	19th Ed. II. about Nov. 11 -	6	0	5	6	5	0
1325.	19th Ed. II. about Nov. 23 -	5	10	5	6	5	0
1325.	19th Ed. II. about Nov. 30 -	5	8	5	4	0	0
1325-6.	19th Ed. II. about Jan. 22 -	5	4	5	0	4	8
1325-6.	19th Ed. II. about Feb. 14 -	5	4	5	0	4	6
1325-6.	19th Ed. II. about March 1 -	5	0	4	6	4	0
1326.	19th Ed. II. about May 1 -	5	0	4	8	4	4
1326.	19th Ed. II. about May 26 -	5	0	4	8	4	4
1327-8.	1st Ed. III. about March 4 -	4	4	4	0	3	6
1327-8.	1st Ed. III. about March 12 -	4	4	4	0	3	6
1328.	1st Ed. III. about May 19 -	3	6	3	4	2[d]	2
1328.	1st Ed. III. about June 11 -	3	4	3	0	2	8

TABLE II.

BARLEY AND OATS BY THE QUARTER.

		Barley.				Oats.			
		1st qual.		2d qual.		1st qual.		2d qual.	
		s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1310.	4th Ed. II. about Nov. 25 -	5	0	0	0	2	8	0	0
1311.	5th Ed. II. about Nov. 1 -	3	8	3	0	2	0	1	10
1312.	6th Ed. II. about Dec. 8 -	3	7	3	4	2	6	2	4
1313.	7th Ed. II. about Nov. 30 -	0	0	3	4	2	8	0	0
1314.	8th Ed. II. about Nov. 11 -	4	4	4	0	3	0	0	0
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1324.	17th Ed. II. - -	4	0	0	0	2	4	0	0

[b] About the time of the feast of the translation of St. Thomas the Martyr.
[c] About the time of the feast of St. Dennis. [d] Sic.

TABLE III.

The average price of wheat in the Oxford market by the quarter of nine Winchester bushels, in each month in the year, from 1617 *to* 1645, *and from* 1653 *to* 1658.

	Jan.		Feb.		Mar.		April.		May.		June.		July.		Aug.		Sept.		Oct.		Nov.		Dec.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1617	....		....		....		....		....		....		....		....		....		....		39	9	41	9
1618	42	2	43	3	42	9	44	3	41	8	39	5	41	4	38	9	35	10	36	4	32	3	32	9
1619	33	1	33	2	32	8	32	2	30	1	30	5	32	10	34	3	30	6	27	8	28	3	27	4
1620	26	8	25	5	26	2	26	0	25	5	26	0	27	2	26	2	25	6	24	0	21	11	20	11
1621	19	10	19	5	19	3	22	0	21	5	22	5	24	8	30	8	31	7	37	0	37	3	37	9
1622	39	7	40	8	41	5	44	3	43	10	44	5	45	6	49	1	55	5	52	11	59	3	55	5
1623	60	1	58	6	57	8	57	2	54	1	60	1	58	9	44	9	36	5	35	9	36	1	37	8
1624	39	3	40	5	39	3	38	9	36	11	37	3	38	5	41	5	40	10	41	6	42	4	43	10
1625	44	0	46	5	48	0	47	4	45	8	46	3	50	7	46	8	41	11	43	3	44	7	46	11
1626	46	11	46	9	48	2	49	9	48	5	48	4	52	8	45	8	37	6	36	11	35	8	34	6
1627	35	8	35	3	35	2	35	8	35	1	35	3	35	7	32	8	28	0	28	11	25	9	25	0
1628	24	5	24	6	24	5	25	4	24	5	23	6	25	7	26	3	25	11	30	3	25	10	26	6
1629	32	0	33	1	34	0	35	3	35	7	34	8	35	2	35	9	39	9	38	6	37	5	37	5
1630	37	9	38	9	40	4	46	1	48	0	48	9	50	10	54	9	58	3	59	0	66	3	67	5
1631	69	3	67	3	68	11	73	3	62	8	59	0	57	0	42	7	40	2	38	11	38	10	40	4
1632	42	5	39	7	38	5	39	4	35	10	35	1	43	11	48	11	47	3	47	4	42	11	44	8
1633	44	11	44	4	46	0	45	10	45	0	44	6	46	4	49	8	44	11	48	2	45	6	46	9
1634	48	10	48	3	48	7	47	9	44	6	42	10	48	0	49	6	44	4	42	6	39	11	39	11
1635	39	8	40	1	41	11	41	8	39	3	39	9	44	9	43	10	46	8	43	7	41	3	41	8
1636	43	0	42	2	44	2	45	2	42	11	44	6	45	10	45	8	45	2	43	4	42	3	43	8
1637	42	10	42	0	42	7	41	1	39	5	39	11	41	3	43	4	49	7	47	4	49	2	49	3
1638	50	6	58	9	62	8	56	0	58	9	57	9	53	7	43	8	37	0	39	1	39	1	39	8
1639	39	11	39	8	38	5	36	2	34	7	32	10	37	10	38	1	36	0	32	2	27	7	29	9
1640	28	3	28	11	29	5	33	8	32	3	30	6	33	0	35	2	41	0	44	0	39	5	40	4
1641	39	11	40	11	44	8	41	11	40	7	39	10	43	0	42	4	39	0	36	10	33	6	33	5
1642	32	11	33	3	33	11	32	11	31	9	31	8	37	7	35	6	37	1	38	3	39	3	38	2
1643	39	1	38	2	44	0	45	1	42	10	41	6	39	5	36	10	39	1	36	8	35	3	36	1
1644	37	0	37	6	37	8	38	4	36	8	40	7	36	1	38	0	36	5	34	7	37	5	38	0
1645	39	0	46	1	47	1	44	8	44	8	....		....		....		....		....		....		....	

(The accounts are defective from May 3, 1645, to August 24, 1653.)

1653	....		....		....		....		....		....		....		23	0	22	5	22	1	21	1	20	5
1654	20	9	21	4	21	10	21	1	19	3	18	3	19	6	19	4	17	9	18	4	17	5	17	7
1655	19	4	19	11	22	5	22	5	19	1	19	4	20	5	24	0	32	7	31	4	31	7	35	3
1656	35	5	38	1	37	9	39	3	36	1	36	3	39	1	36	11	37	2	37	2	37	4	36	6
1657	36	11	37	11	38	11	38	3	36	5	35	7	40	10	39	11	41	1	43	1	43	10	45	9
1658	47	4	47	2	48	4	49	0	45	9	....		....		....		....		....		....		....	

TABLE IV.

Prices of the quarter of nine Winchester bushels of malt, for periods of two months each, from November 1617 to December 1640, inclusive, with some exceptions[a].

	January and Februar.		March and April.		May and June.		July and August.		Septem. and October.		Novemb. and Decemb.	
	s.	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*
1617	.....	..	..	..	.....		.....		.....		18	3
1618	18	2	18	7	19	0	19	8	20	4	19	1
1619	18	8	18	8	18	8	18	10	18	2	18	3
1620	17	6	17	1	16	3	16	0	15	7	14	7
1621	13	6	13	6	13	4	14	2	15	3	18	10
1622	19	0	22	7	25	5	25	5	24	0	26	4
1623	29	0	29	3	30	6	31	4	28	3	23	6
1624	23	1	22	8	21	0	20	1	19	5	18	0
1625	17	8	18	3	19	3	21	7	21	11	26	5
1626	26	8	26	8	27	11	27	1	24	8	20	4
1627	19	3	18	8	18	3	18	1	18	4	16	9
1628	15	0	13	9	13	2	14	10	14	9	15	1
1629	16	6	18	5	20	0	21	4	23	9	24	2
1630	24	8	26	3	.....		28	6	33	6	.....	
1631	38	0	38	3	.....		30	7	28	1	24	11
1632	24	0	21	4	.....		22	8	24	0	.....	
1633	.....		.....		.....		27	4	29	7	31	9
1634	31	10	30	0	28	0	28	0	27	10	25	3
1635	24	0	23	8	.....		.....		24	0	24	0
1636	23	6	24	0	.....		.....		26	4	26	5
1637	26	7	28	6	28	11	31	8	37	4	.....	
1638	42	0	.....		38	3	.....		.....		.....	
1639	.....		.....		28	0	.....		24	8	19	10
1640	.....		.....		.....		20	0	22	6	23	11

[a] These prices are, with respect to time, average prices; but with respect to quality, probably above the average, and perhaps the best. They coincide generally at Lady-day and Michaelmas with the best prices.

TABLE V.

Prices of the quarter of nine Winchester bushels of barley, for periods of two months each, from Nov. 1617 *to May* 1645, *with some exceptions; and from Aug.* 1653 *to May* 1658[a].

	January and Februar.		March and April.		May and June.		July and August.		Septem. and October.		Novemb. and Decemb.	
	s.	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*
1617	.....		.....		.....		.....		.....		16	8
1618	17	2	17	7	18	1	17	9	17	3	17	0
1619	17	0	17	0	16	4	17	4	16	1	15	8
1620	15	0	15	3	14	4	14	8	12	3	12	2
1621	10	9	11	4	11	3	12	5	13	7	17	9
1622	18	4	22	6	24	2	24	0	22	0	26	0
1623	29	0	29	4	30	8	29	2	22	6	22	2
1624	22	6	21	10	17	11	17	8	17	8	17	7
1625	17	6	18	11	19	4	22	2	20	4	25	9
1626	26	4	26	8	26	1	25	10	18	11	18	10
1627	18	5	18	6	17	0	17	0	15	1	14	2
1628	13	1	12	2	11	0	13	8	13	11	14	9
1629	16	4	17	11	18	6	.....		21	5	23	3
1630	23	8	26	2	28	1	.....		32	2	37	7
1631	37	10	37	11	35	6	.....		21	7	22	6
1632	22	2	20	4	18	8	21	4	22	1	22	1
1633	21	1	23	4	23	8	26	8	28	1	29	8
1634	29	9	28	9	26	5	.....		24	4	23	9
1635	23	0	22	1	21	4	24	11	20	10	21	9
1636	22	2	24	0	.....		.....		24	4	24	11
1637	26	6	27	8	27	6	.....		36	5	39	0
1638	40	1	39	5	37	8	.....		24	6	26	11
1639	28	6	25	6	26	0	.....		19	1	17	11
1640	18	0	18	6	16	8	16	0	22	0	21	9
1641	21	7	22	0	20	0	.....		19	5	19	4
1642	18	10	18	10	19	3	20	4	17	6	18	3
1643	17	9	18	9	18	4	18	6	15	9	16	4
1644	15	11	15	2	13	5	.....		16	2	17	0
1645	18	4	20	10	20	6	.....		.....		.....	
.....	.....		.....		.....		.....		.....		.....	
1653	.....		.....		.....		17	1	16	4	16	5
1654	15	7	15	9	14	5	13	10	12	7	12	10
1655	13	1	15	1	13	8	12	8	14	2	15	9
1656	16	1	18	4	18	10	23	6	24	9	26	0
1657	25	11	23	10	21	3	20	6	20	7	22	9
1658	23	6	24	10	24	8	.....		.....		.....	

[a] These prices are, with respect to time, average prices; but with respect to quality, probably above the average. See the notes to Tables IV. and VII.

TABLE VI.

Prices of oats and beans from February 1620 to May 1622, by the quarter of nine Winchester bushels.

		Oats.		Beans.	
		s.	d.	s.	d.
1620	February	11	4	16	8
	March	12	1	16	10
	April	13	10	17	3
	May	13	11	16	7
	June	14	11	18	3
	July	15	3	19	10
	August	14	2	18	6
	September	10	0	19	6
	October	10	8	16	8
	November	10	9	16	4
	December	10	7	14	6
1621	January	10	2	14	6
	February	9	10	15	1
	March	10	1	17	8
	April	11	5	17	0
	May	10	11	14	10
	June	11	2	15	10
	July	11	11	15	10
	August	13	3	16	8
	September	12	0	16	0
	October	10	5	13	6
	November	10	7	13	0
	December	10	6	13	2
1622	January	10	10	14	0
	February	11	3	16	8
	March	12	7	17	6
	April	14	8	18	1
	May	14	9	17	9
	.....			.....	
	August	12	8		

Pease in March 1620 - -	19	2
April 1620 - - -	18	8
Grey pease in March 1622 - -	17	4

TABLE VII.

A Table of the highest and average prices of wheat in the Oxford market, on the market days next preceding the 25th of March and the 29th of September, in the years undermentioned, by the quarter of nine Winchester bushels, calculated from the books of the clerks of the market; the first price in each year being the price for Lady-day, and the second that for Michaelmas[a].

	Highest.		Average.			Highest.		Average.			Highest.		Average.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.	s.	d.
1618	45	4	42	8	1630	42	8	41	3	1642	36	0	34	5
	40	0	36	10		61	4	59	7		40	0	39	0
1619	34	8	32	7	1631	72	0	69	7	1643	49	4	47	4
	34	8	29	0		45	4	43	1		41	1	40	0
1620	30	0	26	9	1632	39	4	38	11	1644	38	8	37	9
	29	4	25	11		56	0	51	9		36	0	34	9
1621	22	0	18	11	1633	46	8	46	4	1645	46	8	45	8
	36	0	33	0		52	0	48	2		.....		.....	
1622	44	0	41	3	1634	50	0	49	0					
	62	0	57	2		47	4	45	9					
1623	62	8	55	10	1635	43	4	42	7					
	40	0	37	2		51	4	49	7					
1624	41	4	38	7	1636	48	0	45	8	1653	.....		.....	
	45	4	41	11		50	8	45	6		25	4	23	0
1625	50	0	48	0	1637	45	4	43	6	1654	24	8	21	10
	42	8	39	6		52	0	50	4		20	0	18	9
1626	49	4	48	9	1638	64	0	61	1	1655	25	4	24	9
	39	4	36	3		42	0	40	6		37	4	36	3
1627	37	4	35	10	1639	40	0	38	11	1656	40	0	38	7
	31	4	30	3		40	0	37	4		40	0	39	0
1628	26	0	24	7	1640	33	4	29	4	1657	41	4	39	11
	31	4	29	0		48	0	45	4		46	0	45	2
1629	36	0	34	7	1641	48	0	46	0	1658	52	0	50	2
	42	0	40	1		42	8	40	8		.....		.....	

[a] This Table is inserted, as is stated in the Introduction, with a view to the use of Table X. and in order to furnish data for deducing the average prices from the best prices. But there seems reason to doubt whether much dependance can be placed on it. The example of the entries in the books of the clerks of the market, which is given in the Introduction, was selected on account of its exhibiting the prices of malt, barley, beans, and oats, besides that of wheat. But about the time to which it belongs the accounts appear also to have been better kept in other respects, and are much more full than in the rest of the period to which those books extend. Entries of one person purchasing more than a quarter are rare; and it is not overstating the case to say, that throughout the whole of the books the entries do not average for one market-day above six or seven for the number of purchasers, nor above forty or fifty for the number of bushels sold. The average in the first part of the period is perhaps more, and in the latter part less. These accounts were probably kept only with the view of fixing, by reference to them, the assize of bread and beer; and as the rule in general seems to

TABLE VIII.

Assizes of bread at Oxford from 1618 *to* 1645, *and from* 1653 *to* 1658.

Date.		Prices of wheat by the quarter. [a] Highest prices of the time.		[b] Prices quoted in the orders.		Weight of the penny white loaf. Oz.	Qr. oz.	Dwts.
1618	Sept. 8 -	37*s.*	4*d.*	36*s.*	6*d.*	9	0	0
1619	Jan. 20 -	36	0	34	0	9	2	4
	May 26 -	32	8	32	0	10	1	1
	Nov. 17 -	30	0	29	6	11	1	4
1620	Nov. 14 -	[c] 24	0	25	6	12	3	3
1621	March 27 -	22	0	22	6	14	2	0
	July 5 - -	26	0	24	6	13	2	0
	August 15 -	34	8	27	6	12	0	0
	Sept. 15 -	36	0	31	0	10	2	2
	October 17	40	0	36	6	9	0	0
1622	Jan. 26 -	42	8	39	6	8	1	1
	April 6 -	48	8	44	0	7	2	0
	August 31 -	60	0	[d] 53	6	6	0	3
	Nov. 27 -	62	8	[e] 58	0	5	2	4
	Dec. 4 - -	60	0	[f] 53	6	6	0	3
1623	Jan. 18 -	64	0	[g] 60	6	5	1	4
	April 23 -	61	4	[g] 56	0	5	3	3
	May 17 -	54	8	[g] 53	6	6	0	3
	June 14 -	61	4	[g] 60	0	5	2	0
	August 16 -	56	0	[g] 48	0	6	3	3

have been to fix the assize of bread by the first or second price of wheat, without reference to the average, all inquiry respecting the prices of wheat of inferior qualities was not improbably neglected, except possibly in times of scarcity, when it seems to have been made an object to name as low a price as possible in fixing the assize. On these grounds it is reasonable to infer that the prices here given as average prices are higher than the true prices of wheat of an average quality. If these remarks be just, they apply equally to Table III.

[a] If the order was made on a market-day, as it most usually was, these prices are the highest prices appearing in the entries of the same day; if otherwise, of the market-day next preceding. They are here extracted for the sake of comparison, but are not noticed in the original orders. See the Introduction.

[b] These prices are sometimes mentioned as the first, sometimes as the second prices; and sometimes the orders run, "The price of wheat being ——" without distinction of first or second prices. In general they are higher than the average prices. The second price is, almost invariably, much above the average.

[c] The best price about this time had usually been a little higher.

[d] This was the very lowest price of that day; the average was 58*s.* 8*d.* These cases are noticed as exceptions to the general rule. And as the exceptions seem to occur chiefly in dear times, notice is taken also where in dear times they do not occur.

[e] The average price was 59*s.* 7*d.* [f] The average price was 57*s.* 1*d.*

[g] These were about the average prices. There occurs about this time a Table

Date.		Prices of wheat by the quarter. Highest prices of the time.		Prices quoted in the orders.		Weight of the penny white loaf. Oz.	Qr. oz.	Dwts.
	August 30 -	37s.	4d.	36s.	6d.	9	0	0
1624	Jan. 24 -	40	0	40	0	8	0	4
	Nov. 6 -	45	4	44	0	7	2	0
1625	March 14 -	50	8	50	0	6	2	2
	May 25 -	47	4	47	0	7	0	0
	July 6 -	54	8	52	0	6	1	1
1626	April 29 -	52	0	50	8	6	0	3
	August 29 -	42	8	41	0	8	0	0
	October 25	38	8	38	0	8	2	4
	Dec. 20 -	36	8	36	0	9	0	4
1627	Sept. 1 -	30	8	29	6	11	0	4
	October 10	34	0	33	4	9	3	0
	Nov. 7 -	28	8	28	0	11	2	4
1628	Jan. 23 -	24	8	24	0	13	2	0
	Feb. 16 -	28	0	25	6	12	2	0
	Oct. 15 -	32	0	31	4	10	2	0
	Nov. 19 -	27	4	26	0	12	2	0
1629	Jan. 4 -	34	8	33	4	10	0	0
	Oct. 3 -	40	8	40	0	8	1	0
1630	April 10 -	46	0	44	0	7	2	0
	June 19 -	50	8	[h] 48	0	6	3	0
	Sept. 25 -	61	4	[h] 60	0	5	2	0
	Nov. 27 -	74	8	[h] 68	0	4	3	2
1631	May 25 -	61	4	[h] 60	0	5	2	0
	Aug. 10 -	53	4	[h] 50	6	6	2	0
	——27 -	37	4	36	6	9	0	0

dated 1623, and signed with the initials of the Vice-Chancellor and the clerks of the market, containing the names of about eighty persons arranged according to their parishes, with the quantity of corn they were severally required to bring to market weekly set down opposite to each name. The places enumerated are, Ensham, Islip, Littlemore, Wheatley; Temple Cowley, Cassington, Kidlington, Sandford, Ifley, Stanton, Stanton St. Johns, Marston, Forest-hill, Woolvercotte, Newnham Courtnay, Gazington, Heddington, Elsfield, Horsepath, Witham, Radly, Kennington, Besselsleigh, Boteley, Sandford, Cumner, Whittle, Eaton, Strode tithing, Hillend tithing, North Hinksey. Anthony Wood mentions that about this time measures were taken for lessening the number of maltsters; and he proceeds, "So that by this decree, made by the Vice-Chancellor, the poor "folke of Oxford had barley at a cheap rate (notwithstanding there used to be "now but five cart loads of that grain in the market) for a great dearth of wheat "at this time falling out, they were forced to buy barley to make bread." Annals, p. 351.

[h] These were about the fair average prices; sometimes a little above, sometimes below.

Date.		Prices of wheat by the quarter. Highest prices of the time.		Prices quoted in the orders.		Weight of the penny white loaf. Oz.	Qr. oz.	Dwts.
	Sept. 22 -	44s.	0d.	[i]44s.	0d.	7	2	0
	Oct. 22 -	40	0	40	0	8	1	0
1632	June 23 -	36	0	36	6	9	0	0
	July 18 -	56	0	[k]47	0	7	0	0
1634	Nov. 13 -	42	8	42	0	7	3	1
1636	Sept. 28 -	50	8	47	0	7	0	0
1637	April 22 -	42	8	41	0	8	0	0
	Sept. 9 -	52	0	[l]47	0	7	0	0
1638	Feb. 5 -	57	4	[m]55	0	6	0	0
	March 10 -	69	4	[n]64	0	5	0	3½
	April 21 -	54	8	53	4	6	0	0
	August 18 -	45	4	44	0	7	2	0
1639	Feb. 2 -	40	8	40	0	8	0	4
	Oct. 31 -	33	4	32	0	10	1	1
1640	August 26 -	37	4	36	0	9	0	4
	Sept. 30 -	48	0	46	0	7	0	4
	Nov. 16 -	40	0	40	0	8	0	4
1641	March 27 -	46	8	46	8	7	0	4
	May 26 -	[o]42	0	42	6	7	2	4
	Nov. 13 -	34	8	34	8	9	0	4
1642	Nov. 12 -	40	8	40	0	8	0	4
1643	April 8 -	48	0	[p]44	0	7	2	3
	July 27 -	[q]48	0	40	0	8	0	0
1644	June 12 -	42	8	40	0	[r].....		
1645	March 8 -	49	4	48	0	7	0	1
.....				.....		.....		
1653	Aug. 27 -	24	8	24	8	11	0	0
	Nov. 26 -	22	8	21	4	12	0	6
1654	Oct. 4 -	18	8	18	0	14	0	2

[i] The average was 40*s.* 6*d.*

[k] The average was 49*s.* 3*d.*

[l] The average price was 51*s.*; the lowest 47*s.* 4*d.*

[m] The average was 56*s.* 2*d.*

[n] The average price was 65*s.* 6*d.* and the very lowest 64*s.* See the order itself for this assize, as quoted in the Introduction.

[o] There are but two entries. This is the highest of these two.

[p] This was the lowest price.

[q] No entry.

[r] See the order for this assize in the Introduction. Though the order mentions 5*s.* as the highest price, there are entries of wheat sold at 5*s.* 1*d.* and 5*s.* 4*d.*

Date.		Prices of wheat by the quarter. Highest prices of the time.	Prices quoted in the orders.	Weight of the penny white loaf.* Oz.	Qr. oz.	Dwts.
1655	Feb. 26	22s. 0d.	21s. 4d.	12	0	6
	Aug. 29	33 4	29 4	9	2	0
1656	Jan. 23	38 8	37 4	7	3	0
	July 21	41 4	40 8	7	1	0
1657	Jan. 15	38 8	37 4	7	3	0
	April 6	42 8	40 8	7	1	0
	June 4	37 4	36 0	8	0	1
	July 20	43 4	40 8	7	1	0
	Oct. 12	44 8	44 8	6	2	4
1658	Jan. 13	49 4	48 0	6	1	0

* At present the only qualities of bread which are mentioned in fixing the assize are the wheaten and the household. The following instances are taken from the books of the present clerks of the market. The cases are selected from 1822 and 1823, because then the prices of corn were low, and approximated to the usual prices of the seventeenth century.

Date.		Quoted prices, Being the average prices, and by the Winchester measure.	Weight of the penny loaf. Wheaten. Oz.	Drachms.	Household. Oz.	Drachms.	
1822	Nov. 2	37s. 4d.	9	14	11	1	Avoirdupois.
1823	Jan. 25	38 4	10	2	11	1	
	Feb. 1	40 10	9	9	10	11	
	March 8	51 6	8	2	8	15	

The above assizes are stated in the orders to be made according to the Act, 53 Geo. III. cap. 116. With the price of wheat calculated according to the ancient bushel, and the weight of bread to Troy weight, they will stand thus:

Date.		Average prices of wheat.	Weight of the penny loaf. Wheaten. Oz.	Qr.oz.	Dwts.	Household. Oz.	Qr.oz.	Dwts.
1822	Nov. 2	42s. 0d.	9	0	0	10	0	2
1823	Jan. 15	43 1½	9	1	0	10	0	2
	Feb. 1	45 11	8	2	4	9	3	0
	March 8	57 11	7	1	3	8	0	3

Compare the assize for November 2, 1822, with that for November 9, 1623, which is given at large in the Introduction. The average price on November 9, 1623, was 43s. 3d.

TABLE IX.

Assizes of beer at Oxford from 1618 *to* 1645, *and from* 1653 *to* 1658.

Date.		Price of malt by the quarter, as quoted in the orders.		Price of double beer by the barrel.		Price of ale by the quarter.	
		s.	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*
1620	April 20 -	17	4	8	8	4	8
1621	March 27 -	13	4	8	0	4	4
	October 27 -	17	4	8	8	4	8
1622	January 14 -	18	8	9	4	5	0
	April 6 -	24	0	10	0	5	4
1623	June 14 -	30	0	10	8	5	8
	October 18 -	24	8	10	0	5	4
1624	April 28 -	22	8	9	9	5	2
	November 6 -	18	4	9	4	5	0
1625	July 2 -	22	8	10	0	5	4
	December 21	26	8	10	8	5	8
1626	December 26	20	0	10	0	5	4
1627	April 10 -	18	8	9	4	5	0
1628	January 30 -	16	0	8	8	4	8
1629	April 11 -	19	4	9	4	5	0
	September 29	24	0	10	0	5	0
1630	April 19 -	26	8	10	8	5	8
1632	January 18 -	24	0	10	0	5	4
	June 23 -	20	0	9	4	5	0
	September 15	24	0	10	0	5	0
1633	October 12 -	26	8	10	8	5	8
1634	November 24	24	0	10	0	5	4
1636	February 25 -	26	8	10	8	5	8
1639	October 30 -	23	4	10	0	5	4
1640	March 23 -	20	0	9	4	5	0
	October 3 -	24	0	10	0	5	4
1641	November 20	18	0	9	4	5	0
.....				.....		.....	
1653	November 9 -	20	0	9	4	5	0
1654	June 28 -	16	0	8	8	4	8
1655	January 6 -	13	0	8	0	4	4
1656	April 7 -	17	6	9	4	4	10
	August 22 -	23	0	10	0	5	4

TABLE X.

A Table of the best prices of a bushel of wheat and malt in the Oxford market at Lady-day and Michaelmas in each year from 1583 to 1829: the upper price in each year being the price at Lady-day, and the lower that at Michaelmas.

Some differences in the early prices are noticed below. Those entered in the Table are selected as being in general best confirmed by the concurrence of different accounts.

Year.	Wheat. s.	Wheat. d.	Malt. s.	Malt. d.
1583	2	6	1	6
	2	4	1	6
1584	2	2	1	6
	*2	3	1	6
1585	*2	5	1	6
	3	6	1	10
1586	*4	2	2	2
	†4	10	2	4
1587	*5	6	2	10
	2	4	2	0
1588	*1	8	1	3
	2	4	1	3
1589	[a] 2	8	1	6
	[b] 2	10	1	9½
1590	[c] 3	4	1	8
	3	2	2	8
1591	3	0	2	6
	2	8	2	1
1592	[d] 2	4	1	6
	2	4	1	6
1593	[e] 2	3	1	5
	[f] 2	11	1	7
1594	[g] 3	2	1	8
	[h] 5	10	2	8
1595	5	6	3	0
	5	4	3	0
1596	5	0	2	6
	[i] 8	0	4	0
1597	9	0	5	0
	7	0	4	4
1598	6	8	3	4
	4	0	3	4
1599	[k] 3	8	2	0
	3	0	1	10
1600	3	6	1	10
	4	8	2	8
1601	[l] 4	0	2	8
	[m] 3	6	2	6
1602	2	10	2	0
	4	0	1	10
1603	4	3	1	8
	[n] 3	3	1	8
1604	3	4	1	7
	3	6	1	10½
1605	4	0	2	4
	3	7	2	7
1606	3	4	2	3
	3	10	2	3
1607	4	4	2	2
	3	10	2	2
1608	4	6	2	3
	8	0	3	4
1609	7	2	3	6
	4	2	3	2
1610	3	8	2	2
	4	0	2	0
1611	4	2	2	1
	4	4	2	5
1612	5	0	2	8
	5	4	3	4

* See the Introduction.

† See Dr. Forman's memoranda in the Appendix. According to him, in the spring of 1586 wheat was at a famine price, being at 5*s.* and 5*s.* 8*d.* the bushel. But by his account the harvest of 1586 was good, and wheat fell to 4*s.*, 3*s.* 10*d.*, 3*s.* 8*d.*, and 3*s.* 4*d.*

[a] 3*s.* [b] 2*s.* 6*d.* [c] 3*s.* 6*d.* [d] 2*s.* 2*d.* [e] 2*s.* 1*d.* [f] 2*s.* 8*d.*
[g] 3*s.* [h] 5*s.* 8*d.* [i] 7*s.* 6*d.* [k] 3*s.* 10*d.* [l] 4*s.* 1*d.* [m] 3*s.* 8*d.*
[n] 3*s.* 2*d.*

Year.	Wheat. s.	Wheat. d.	Malt. s.	Malt. d.
1613	5	2	3	4
	[o]6	0	3	0
1614	6	0	3	4
	5	0	3	6
1615	4	1	2	10
	5	0	3	0
1616	[p]5	0	3	2
	[q]4	10	2	8
1617	5	4	2	4
	5	10	2	4
1618	5	8	2	4
	5	0	2	8
1619	4	4	2	4
	4	4	2	4
1620	3	9	2	3
	3	8	1	11
1621	2	9	1	8
	4	6	1	9½
1622	5	6	2	9
	7	9	3	0
1623	7	10	3	0
	5	0	3	11
1624	5	2	2	10
	5	8	2	5
1625	6	3	2	3
	5	4	2	8
1626	6	2	3	4
	4	11	3	3
1627	4	8	2	4
	3	11	2	4
1628	3	3	1	8
	3	11	1	10
1629	4	6	2	2
	5	3	3	0
1630	5	4	3	3
	7	8	4	2
1631	9	0	4	8
	5	8	3	8
1632	4	11	2	8
	7	0	3	0
1633	5	10	2	11
	6	6	3	8
1634	6	3	3	10
	5	11	3	7
1635	5	5	3	0
	6	5	3	0

Year.	Wheat. s.	Wheat. d.	Malt. s.	Malt. d.
1636	6	0	3	0
	6	4	3	4
1637	5	8	3	8
	6	6	5	0
1638	8	0	5	3¾
	5	3	3	4
1639	5	0	3	6
	5	0	2	11
1640	4	2	2	6
	6	0	3	0
1641	6	0	2	11
	5	4	2	9
1642	4	6	2	4
	5	0	2	6
1643	6	2	2	6
	5	2	2	6
1644	4	10	2	6
	4	6	2	6
1645	5	10	2	6
	5	0	3	6
1646	6	4	3	6
	6	6	3	2
1647	8	4	3	9
	8	0	4	6
1648	9	0	4	6
	7	8	5	8
1649	8	9	4	0
	8	10	4	6
1650	8	4	4	6
	7	0	3	11
1651	7	1	3	0
	6	10	3	0
1652	6	0	3	0
	4	11	3	0
1653	4	2	3	0
	3	2	2	8
1654	3	1	2	2
	2	6	2	0
1655	3	2	2	2
	4	8	2	4
1656	5	0	2	4
	5	0	3	0
1657	5	2	3	1½
	5	9	3	0
1658	6	6	3	2
	8	0	3	8

[o] 5*s.* 10*d.* [p] 4*s.* 10*d.* [q] 4*s.* 8*d.*, 5*s.*

Year.	Wheat. s.	Wheat. d.	Malt. s.	Malt. d.
1659	7	6	3	8
	7	5	4	8
1660	7	0	3	5
	6	2	3	0
1661	7	0	3	4
	8	6	4	2
1662	11	4	5	0
	6	4	3	10
1663	5	8	3	3
	6	6	3	3
1664	6	6	3	3
	5	0	3	0
1665	5	5	2	8
	5	4	2	10
1666	5	0	2	10
	3	2	2	2
1667	4	0	2	2
	4	4	2	8
1668	4	4	2	8
	5	0	2	10
1669	6	0	3	0
	4	10	3	0
1670	4	10	2	6
	5	0	3	0
1671	5	1	2	10
	4	6	2	6
1672	5	2	2	6
	5	0	2	8
1673	5	2	2	6
	7	2	3	0
1674	9	3	4	4
	8	0	4	0
1675	7	2	3	8
	5	6	3	8
1676	4	8	2	9
	3	6	2	6
1677	4	1	3	0
	5	10	3	1
1678	6	8	3	4
	6	9	3	0
1679	6	10	3	0
	5	9	3	0
1680	5	0	2	6
	4	11	2	6
1681	5	6	2	4
	5	6	3	3
1682	4	7	3	3
	5	4	3	3
1683	5	7	3	5
	4	4	3	5
1684	4	10	3	0
	5	6	3	2
1685	6	4	3	4
	4	7	3	4
1686	3	6	2	8
	4	0	2	10
1687	4	4	3	0
	3	5	3	0
1688	3	5	2	6
	3	1	2	6
1689	3	7	2	3
	4	4	2	4
1690	4	9	2	1
	3	6	2	0
1691	4	1	2	0
	4	4	1	10
1692	5	8	2	8
	5	6	2	6
1693	7	6	3	6
	8	4	3	10
1694	8	10	3	10
	5	6	3	7½
1695	4	6	2	6
	7	10	3	4
1696	7	9	4	0
	5	6	2	10
1697	7	0	3	2
	8	2	3	5
1698	8	2	3	9
	8	2	3	11
1699	8	6	4	9
	7	4	4	6
1700	5	2	4	0
	4	6	2	9
1701	4	6	3	0
	3	6	3	0
1702	3	6	2	8
	3	5	2	4½
1703	3	4	2	1½
	4	8	2	6
1704	6	0	3	1½
	4	0	2	10½
1705	4	0	2	3
	3	4	2	6
1706	3	4	2	6
	3	0	2	6

Year.	Wheat. s.	Wheat. d.	Malt. s.	Malt. d.
1707	3	2	2	6
	3	4	3	0
1708	3	3	3	0
	6	0	3	6
1709	8	0	3	10
	10	8	4	0
1710	10	8	4	3
	8	0	4	3
1711	6	8	3	9
	6	2	3	9
1712	6	4	3	3
	4	6	3	0
1713	4	8	2	6
	6	9	2	7½
1714	7	10	3	1½
	4	6	3	3
1715	4	1	3	4
	6	0	3	4
1716	6	5	2	10
	5	6	2	10
1717	5	2	3	0
	5	4	2	6
1718	4	9	2	6
	4	0	2	7½
1719	4	4	2	7½
	[p] †4	4	2	10
1720	4	0	3	8
	4	0	3	6
1721	4	4	3	3
	4	0	3	0
1722	†4	0	2	6
	4	2	2	6
1723	4	0	2	6
	†4	0	2	9
1724	4	1	3	6
	4	5	3	0
1725	4	6	3	0
	6	1½	3	1½
1726	6	10	3	3
	5	2	3	3
1727	5	0	3	1½
	5	4	3	6
1728	7	1	3	9
	7	0	4	3
1729	6	11½	4	0
	6	0	4	0
1730	4	7	3	3
	4	3	2	6
1731	3	3	2	6
	3	6	2	10
1732	3	3	2	9
	3	0	2	6
1733	3	6¾	2	6
	3	0	2	6
1734	3	8	2	6
	4	10	2	6
1735	4	6	2	6
	5	6	2	6
1736	5	6	2	6
	5	0¼	2	6
1737	[q] 5	0¼	3	0
	[q] 5	0¼	3	0
1738	[q] 5	0¼	3	0
	2	10	3	0
1739	4	1	2	6
	4	10	3	0
1740	5	1½	3	3
	8	4	3	3
1741	7	2	3	3
	5	0	3	3
1742	4	3	3	3
	3	9	3	3
1743	[q] 3	9	3	0
	2	2	2	9
1744	3	1¼	2	3
	3	0	2	3
1745	3	0	2	3
	3	2	2	3
1746	4	3	2	0
	4	4	2	0
1747	4	1	2	0
	4	6	2	0
1748	4	0	2	6
	4	3	2	6
1749	[q] 4	3	2	9
	4	2	2	9
1750	4	0	2	9
	4	1	2	6
1751	4	0	2	6
	5	3	2	9
1752	5	0	3	0
	†5	0	2	9

[p] The prices marked † are certainly real, the price-day having been a Saturday.
[q] See the Introduction.

TABLE X.

Year.	Wheat. s.	Wheat. d.	Malt. s.	Malt. d.
1753	5	4½	3	0
	5	3	3	0
1754	4	10½	3	0
	4	2	2	9
1755	4	3	2	9
	4	2	2	9
1756	4	9	2	6
	6	0	3	0
1757	9	0	4	0
	8	0	4	0
1758	7	3	4	0
	6	0	3	6
1759	5	0	3	0
	4	9	2	9
1760	4	4	2	9
	4	0	2	6
1761	3	4½	2	3
	3	6	2	3
1762	4	2	2	3
	4	3	3	3
1763	4	3¾	3	9
	3	0	4	0
1764	5	3	3	9
	6	0	3	3
1765	6	6	3	3
	[r]†6	6	3	9
1766	†6	6	3	9
	5	0	3	6
1767	8	11	4	0
	....		3	9
1768	8	0¾	3	9
	8	0	3	6
1769	6	3	3	3
	†6	3	3	0
1770	....		3	0
	7	0	3	3
1771	....		4	0
	....		4	0
1772	8	0	4	0
	....		4	3
1773	7	10½	4	9
	8	3	4	6
1774	7	6	4	6
	10	0	4	6
1775	8	9	4	6
	7	6	4	6
1776	5	0	3	9
	5	6	3	3
1777	6	6	3	3
	7	6	3	3
1778	7	0	3	9
	....		3	3
1779	4	6	3	3
	5	3	3	3
1780	†5	3	3	0
	6	0	3	0
1781	7	6	....	
	†7	6	3	0
1782	†7	6	3	3
	8	3	4	3
1783	....		4	9
	†8	3	4	3
1784	8	6	4	9
	†8	6	4	3
1785	6	7½	3	9
	7	0	4	9
1786	5	9¼	4	3
	6	0	3	9
1787	....		4	0
	7	0	4	0
1788	....		3	9
	....		3	9
1789	6	9	3	9
	8	4½	....	
1790	8	3	4	3
	8	0	3	9
1791	7	6	4	0
	7	0	4	6
1792	....		4	6
	7	6	4	9
1793	....		5	0
	7	0	5	3
1794	....		....	
	....		....	
1795	8	9	5	6
	13	0	5	3
1796	†13	0	5	9
	10	0	5	3
1797	7	6	4	9
	10	9	5	3
1798	....		4	9
	8	0	....	

[r] Those marked † are real prices.

Year.	Wheat. s.	Wheat. d.	Malt. s.	Malt. d.
1799	.....		....	
	12	6	6	3
1800	17	6	8	9
	15	0	....	
1801	25	0	9	10½
	12	7¾	....	
1802	9	6	5	9
	10	0	4	9
1803	7	9	4	3
	8	6	4	2
1804	....		....	
	12	11¼	4	5¼
1805	15	0	7	8
	....		7	2
1806	11	6	5	2¾
	12	3	7	4¼
1807	12	1	7	4¼
	....		6	2
1808	10	11½	6	2
	14	6	7	4¼
1809	14	9	....	
	17	8½	8	5
1810	15	9	....	
	17	6	8	8
1811	14	0	7	2
	17	6	8	2
1812	20	9	9	8
	18	0	9	8
1813	19	1½	10	8
[s]	14	10	10	0
1814	11	11½	7	1
	13	6	7	1
1815	11	9¾	6	1¼
	9	3¼	5	3¾
1816	8	10¼	4	11½
	14	7½	7	1
1817	20	9¾	10	3¼
	14	0¾	3	2½
1818 [t]	†14	0¾	9	2½
	†14	0¾	10	9½
1819	12	7¾	10	3¼
	11	3	7	11½
1820	†11	3	7	11½
	9	3¼	5	10¼
1821	9	0	5	3¾
	12	11¼	6	10¾
1822	9	6¾	6	4½
	7	3¾	....	
1823	9	0	....	
	8	1¾	....	
1824	10	5	6	10¾
	9	3¼	7	5¼
1825	11	3	7	11½
	10	11½	7	11½
1826	9	10¼	7	5¼
	8	0¼	7	5¼
1827	8	8½	7	8½
	8	5¼	6	11
1828	8	10¼	....	
	14	3¼	7	5¼
1829	11	9¾	6	11
	11	3	7	5¼

[s] From this date the returns were made by the Winchester measure. But the prices entered are continued according to the nine gallon bushel.

[t] Those marked † are real prices.

A Table of the best prices of wheat and malt in the Oxford market from 1583 *to* 1829, *by the quarter, estimated according to the ancient, and also according to the Winchester bushel, the upper price for each year being the price for Lady-day, and the lower that for Michaelmas.*

(Calculated from Table X.[a])

	WHEAT.				MALT.			
	Qr. of nine Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight & half Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.	
	s.	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*
1583	20	0	17	9	12	0	11	4
	18	8	16	7	12	0	11	4
1584	17	4	15	5	12	0	11	4
	18	0	16	0	12	0	11	4
1585	19	4	17	2	12	0	11	4
	28	0	24	11	14	8	13	10
1586	33	4	29	8	17	4	16	4
	38	8	34	4	18	8	17	7
1587	44	0	39	1	22	8	21	4
	18	8	16	7	16	0	15	1
1588	13	4	11	10	10	0	9	5
	18	8	16	7	10	0	9	5
1589	21	4	19	0	12	0	11	4
	22	8	20	2	14	4	13	6
1590	26	8	23	8	13	4	12	7
	25	4	22	6	21	4	20	1

[a] Table X. has been printed with the prices by the bushel, as they were extracted from the accounts and returns, which were always made out by the bushel. But as the more general way of estimating the price of corn is by the quarter, the addition of this Table has appeared desirable. The prices inserted in it are true to the nearest penny, either over or under. With respect to the old measure of malt, see what is said in the Introduction. It is certainly very extraordinary, that when corn of every description was measured by a bushel of nine gallons, there should at the same time and place have been a different measure for malt alone. But such appears to have been the fact. An old maltster declares that it was so during the whole of his time until 1813, and that he possessed formerly a malt-bushel of his grandfather's, which measured only eight gallons and a half, and which he conceives must have been made nearly one hundred years ago. Possibly before the imposition of a tax upon malt, the old bushel of nine gallons may have been used for malt as well as other things; and the operation of the excise laws, by forcing on the maltsters the use of the Winchester bushel at an early period, may have effected a compromise between the two measures. But there is no evidence of this, and therefore in this Table the price of malt by the Winchester quarter is calculated from the price by the ancient quarter, by the deduction of 1–17th only, throughout.

TABLE XI.

	WHEAT.				MALT.			
	Qr. of nine Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight & half Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1591	24	0	21	4	20	0	18	10
	21	4	19	0	16	8	15	8
1592[a]	18	8	16	7	12	0	11	4
	18	8	16	7	12	0	11	4
1593	18	0	16	0	11	4	10	8
	23	4	20	9	12	8	11	11
1594	25	4	22	6	13	4	12	7
	46	8	41	6	21	4	20	1
1595	44	0	39	1	24	0	22	7
	42	8	37	11	24	0	22	7
1596	40	0	35	7	20	0	18	10
	64	0	56	11	32	0	30	1
1597	72	0	64	0	40	0	37	8
	56	0	49	9	34	8	32	8
1598	53	4	47	5	26	8	25	1
	32	0	28	5	26	8	25	1
1599	29	4	26	1	16	0	15	1
	24	0	21	4	14	8	13	10
1600	28	0	24	11	14	8	13	10
	37	4	33	2	21	4	20	1
1601	32	0	28	5	21	4	20	1
	28	0	24	11	20	0	18	10
1602	22	8	20	2	16	0	15	1
	32	0	28	5	14	8	13	10
1603	34	0	30	3	13	4	12	7
	26	0	23	1	13	4	12	7
1604	26	8	23	8	12	8	11	11
	28	0	24	11	15	0	14	1
1605	32	0	28	5	18	8	17	7
	28	8	25	6	20	8	19	5
1606	26	8	23	8	18	0	16	11
	30	8	27	3	18	0	16	11
1607	34	8	30	10	17	4	16	4
	30	8	27	3	17	4	16	4
1608	36	0	32	0	18	0	16	11
	64	0	56	11	26	8	25	1
1609	57	4	51	0	28	0	26	4
	33	4	29	8	25	4	23	10
1610	29	4	26	1	17	4	16	4
	32	0	28	5	16	0	15	1
1611	33	4	29	8	16	8	15	8
	34	8	30	10	19	4	18	2
1612	40	0	35	7	21	4	20	1
	42	8	37	11	26	8	25	1
1613	41	4	36	9	26	8	25	1
	48	0	42	8	24	0	22	7

[a] "2 Junii 1592, 34 Eliz. it was presented by a jury near London, before the "clerk of the market of her majesties household, that the best wheat was at 21*s.* "4*d.*, the second at 18*s.* 8*d.*, and the third at 16*s.*" *Artachthos* 1638.

TABLE XI.

	WHEAT.				MALT.			
	Qr. of nine Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight & half Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1614	48	0	42	8	26	8	25	1
	40	0	35	7	28	0	26	4
1615	32	8	29	0	22	8	21	4
	40	0	35	7	24	0	22	7
1616	40	0	35	7	25	4	23	10
	38	8	34	4	21	4	20	1
1617	42	8	37	11	18	8	17	7
	46	8	41	6	18	8	17	7
1618	45	4	40	4	18	8	17	7
	40	0	35	7	21	4	20	1
1619	34	8	30	10	18	8	17	7
	34	8	30	10	18	8	17	7
1620	30	0	26	8	18	0	16	11
	29	4	26	1	15	4	14	5
1621	22	0	19	7	13	4	12	7
	36	0	32	0	14	4	13	6
1622	44	0	39	1	22	0	20	8
	62	0	55	1	24	0	22	7
1623	62	8	55	8	24	0	22	7
	40	0	35	7	31	4	29	6
1624	41	4	36	9	22	8	21	4
	45	4	40	4	19	4	18	2
1625	50	0	44	5	18	0	16	11
	42	8	37	11	21	4	20	1
1626	49	4	43	10	26	8	25	1
	39	4	35	0	26	0	24	6
1627	37	4	33	2	18	8	17	7
	31	4	27	10	18	8	17	7
1628	26	0	23	1	13	4	12	7
	31	4	27	10	14	8	13	10
1629	36	0	32	0	17	4	16	4
	42	0	37	4	24	0	22	7
1630	42	8	37	11	26	0	24	6
	61	4	54	6	33	4	31	4
1631	72	0	64	0	37	4	35	2
	45	4	40	4	29	4	27	7
1632	39	4	35	0	21	4	20	1
	56	0	49	9	24	0	22	7
1633	46	8	41	6	23	4	22	0
	52	0	46	3	29	4	27	7
1634	50	0	44	5	30	8	28	10
	47	4	42	1	28	8	27	0
1635	43	4	38	6	24	0	22	7
	51	4	45	8	24	0	22	7
1636	48	0	42	8	24	0	22	7
	50	8	45	0	26	8	25	1

TABLE XI.

	WHEAT.				MALT.			
	Qr. of nine Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight & half Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1637	45	4	40	4	29	4	27	7
	52	0	46	3	40	0	37	8
1638	64	0	56	11	42	6	40	0
	42	0	37	4	26	8	25	1
1639	40	0	35	7	28	0	26	4
	40	0	35	7	23	4	22	0
1640	33	4	29	8	20	0	18	10
	48	0	42	8	24	0	22	7
1641	48	0	42	8	23	4	22	0
	42	8	37	11	22	0	20	8
1642	36	0	32	0	18	8	17	7
	40	0	35	7	20	0	18	10
1643	49	4	43	10	20	0	18	10
	41	4	36	9	20	0	18	10
1644	38	8	34	4	20	0	18	10
	36	0	32	0	20	0	18	10
1645	46	8	41	6	20	0	18	10
	40	0	35	7	28	0	26	4
1646	50	8	45	0	28	0	26	4
	52	0	46	3	25	4	23	10
1647	66	8	59	3	30	0	28	3
	64	0	56	11	36	0	33	11
1648	72	0	64	0	36	0	33	11
	61	4	54	6	45	4	42	8
1649	70	0	62	3	32	0	30	1
	70	8	62	10	36	0	33	11
1650	66	8	59	3	36	0	33	11
	56	0	49	9	31	4	29	6
1651	56	8	50	4	24	0	22	7
	54	8	48	7	24	0	22	7
1652	48	0	42	8	24	0	22	7
	39	4	35	0	24	0	22	7
1653	33	4	29	8	24	0	22	7
	25	4	22	6	21	4	20	1
1654	24	8	21	11	17	4	16	4
	20	0	17	9	16	0	15	1
1655	25	4	22	6	17	4	16	4
	37	4	33	2	18	8	17	7
1656	40	0	35	7	18	8	17	7
	40	0	35	7	24	0	22	7
1657	41	4	36	9	25	0	23	6
	46	0	40	11	24	0	22	7
1658	52	0	46	3	25	4	23	10
	64	0	56	11	29	4	27	7
1659	60	0	53	4	29	4	27	7
	59	4	52	9	37	4	35	2

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	WHEAT.				MALT.			
	Qr. of nine Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight & half Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1660	56	0	49	9	27	4	25	9
	49	4	43	10	24	0	22	7
1661	56	0	49	9	26	8	25	1
	68	0	60	5	33	4	31	4
1662	90	8	80	7	40	0	37	8
	50	8	45	0	30	8	28	10
1663	45	4	40	4	26	0	24	6
	52	0	46	3	26	0	24	6
1664	52	0	46	3	26	0	24	6
	40	0	35	7	24	0	22	7
1665	43	4	38	6	21	4	20	1
	42	8	37	11	22	8	21	4
1666	40	0	35	7	22	8	21	4
	25	4	22	6	17	4	16	4
1667	32	0	28	5	17	4	16	4
	34	8	30	10	21	4	20	1
1668	34	8	30	10	21	4	20	1
	40	0	35	7	22	8	21	4
1669	48	0	42	8	24	0	22	7
	38	8	34	4	24	0	22	7
1670	38	8	34	4	20	0	18	10
	40	0	35	7	24	0	22	7
1671	40	8	36	2	22	8	21	4
	36	0	32	0	20	0	18	10
1672	41	4	36	9	20	0	18	10
	40	0	35	7	21	4	20	1
1673	41	4	36	9	20	0	18	10
	57	4	51	0	24	0	22	7
1674	74	0	65	9	34	8	32	8
	64	0	56	11	32	0	30	1
1675	57	4	51	0	29	4	27	7
	44	0	39	1	29	4	27	7
1676	37	4	33	2	22	0	20	8
	28	0	24	11	20	0	18	10
1677	32	8	29	0	24	0	22	7
	46	8	41	6	24	8	23	3
1678	53	4	47	5	26	8	25	1
	54	0	48	0	24	0	22	7
1679	54	8	48	7	24	0	22	7
	46	0	40	11	24	0	22	7
1680	40	0	35	7	20	0	18	10
	39	4	35	0	20	0	18	10
1681	44	0	39	1	18	8	17	7
	44	0	39	1	26	0	24	6
1682	36	8	32	7	26	0	24	6
	42	8	37	11	26	0	24	6

	WHEAT.				MALT.			
	Qr. of nine Winch bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight & half Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1683	44	8	39	8	27	4	25	9
	34	8	30	10	27	4	25	9
1684	38	8	34	4	24	0	22	7
	44	0	39	1	25	4	23	10
1685	50	8	45	0	26	8	25	1
	36	8	32	7	26	8	25	1
1686	28	0	24	11	21	4	20	1
	32	0	28	5	22	8	21	4
1687	34	8	30	10	24	0	22	7
	27	4	24	4	24	0	22	7
1688	27	4	24	4	20	0	18	10
	24	8	21	11	20	0	18	10
1689	28	8	25	6	18	0	16	11
	34	8	30	10	18	8	17	7
1690	38	0	33	9	16	8	15	8
	28	0	24	11	16	0	15	1
1691	32	8	29	0	16	0	15	1
	34	8	30	10	14	8	13	10
1692	45	4	40	4	21	4	20	1
	44	0	39	1	20	0	18	10
1693	60	0	53	4	28	0	26	4
	66	8	59	3	30	8	28	10
1694	70	8	62	10	30	8	28	10
	44	0	39	1	29	0	27	4
1695	36	0	32	0	20	0	18	10
	62	8	55	8	26	8	25	1
1696	62	0	55	1	32	0	30	1
	44	0	39	1	22	8	21	4
1697	56	0	49	9	25	4	23	10
	65	4	58	1	27	4	25	9
1698	65	4	58	1	30	0	28	3
	65	4	58	1	31	4	29	6
1699	68	0	60	5	38	0	35	9
	58	8	52	2	36	0	33	11
1700	41	4	36	9	32	0	30	1
	36	0	32	0	22	0	20	8
1701	36	0	32	0	24	0	22	7
	28	0	24	11	24	0	22	7
1702	28	0	24	11	21	4	20	1
	27	4	24	4	19	0	17	11
1703	26	8	23	8	17	0	16	0
	37	4	33	2	20	0	18	10
1704	48	0	42	8	25	0	23	6
	32	0	28	5	23	0	21	8
1705	32	0	28	5	18	0	16	11
	26	8	23	8	20	0	18	10

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	WHEAT.				MALT.			
	Qr. of nine Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight & half Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1706	26	8	23	8	20	0	18	10
	24	0	21	4	20	0	18	10
1707	25	4	22	6	20	0	18	10
	26	8	23	8	24	0	22	7
1708	26	0	23	1	24	0	22	7
	48	0	42	8	28	0	26	4
1709	64	0	56	11	30	8	28	10
	85	4	75	10	32	0	30	1
1710	85	4	75	10	34	0	32	0
	64	0	56	11	34	0	32	0
1711	53	4	47	5	30	0	28	3
	49	4	43	10	30	0	28	3
1712	50	8	45	0	26	0	24	6
	36	0	32	0	24	0	22	7
1713	37	4	33	2	20	0	18	10
	54	0	48	0	21	0	19	9
1714	62	8	55	8	25	0	23	6
	36	0	32	0	26	0	24	6
1715	32	8	29	0	26	8	25	1
	48	0	42	8	26	8	25	1
1716	51	4	45	8	22	8	21	4
	44	0	39	1	22	8	21	4
1717	41	4	36	9	24	0	22	7
	42	8	37	11	20	0	18	10
1718	38	0	33	9	20	0	18	10
	32	0	28	5	21	0	19	9
1719	34	8	30	10	21	0	19	9
	34	8	30	10	22	8	21	4
1720	32	0	28	5	29	4	27	7
	32	0	28	5	28	0	26	4
1721	34	8	30	10	26	0	24	6
	32	0	28	5	24	0	22	7
1722	32	0	28	5	20	0	18	10
	33	4	29	8	20	0	18	10
1723	32	0	28	5	20	0	18	10
	32	0	28	5	22	0	20	8
1724	32	8	29	0	28	0	26	4
	35	4	31	5	24	0	22	7
1725	36	0	32	0	24	0	22	7
	49	0	43	7	25	0	23	6
1726	54	8	48	7	26	0	24	6
	41	4	36	9	26	0	24	6
1727	40	0	35	7	25	0	23	6
	42	8	37	11	28	0	26	4
1728	56	8	50	4	30	0	28	3
	56	0	49	9	34	0	32	0

	WHEAT.				MALT.			
	Qr. of nine Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight & half Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1729	55	8	49	6	32	0	30	1
	48	0	42	8	32	0	30	1
1730	36	8	32	7	26	0	24	6
	34	0	30	3	20	0	18	10
1731	26	0	23	1	20	0	18	10
	28	0	24	11	22	8	21	4
1732	26	0	23	1	22	0	20	8
	24	0	21	4	20	0	18	10
1733	28	6	25	4	20	0	18	10
	24	0	21	4	20	0	18	10
1734	29	4	26	1	20	0	18	10
	38	8	34	4	20	0	18	10
1735	36	0	32	0	20	0	18	10
	44	0	39	1	20	0	18	10
1736	44	0	39	1	20	0	18	10
	40	2	35	8	20	0	18	10
1737	40	2	35	8	24	0	22	7
	40	2	35	8	24	0	22	7
1738	40	2	35	8	24	0	22	7
	22	8	20	2	24	0	22	7
1739	32	8	29	0	20	0	18	10
	38	8	34	4	24	0	22	7
1740	41	0	36	5	26	0	24	6
	66	8	59	3	26	0	24	6
1741	57	4	51	0	26	0	24	6
	40	0	35	7	26	0	24	6
1742	34	0	30	3	26	0	24	6
	30	0	26	8	26	0	24	6
1743	30	0	26	8	24	0	22	7
	17	4	15	5	22	0	20	8
1744	24	10	22	1	18	0	16	11
	24	0	21	4	18	0	16	11
1745	24	0	21	4	18	0	16	11
	25	4	22	6	18	0	16	11
1746	34	0	30	3	16	0	15	1
	34	8	30	10	16	0	15	1
1747	32	8	29	0	16	0	15	1
	36	0	32	0	16	0	15	1
1748	32	0	28	5	20	0	18	10
	34	0	30	3	20	0	18	10
1749	34	0	30	3	22	0	20	8
	33	4	29	8	22	0	20	8
1750	32	0	28	5	22	0	20	8
	32	8	29	0	20	0	18	10
1751	32	0	28	5	20	0	18	10
	42	0	37	4	22	0	20	8

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	WHEAT.				MALT.			
	Qr. of nine Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight & half Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1752	40	0	35	7	24	0	22	7
	40	0	35	7	22	0	20	8
1753	43	0	38	3	24	0	22	7
	42	0	37	4	24	0	22	7
1754	39	0	34	8	24	0	22	7
	33	4	29	8	22	0	20	8
1755	34	0	30	3	22	0	20	8
	33	4	29	8	22	0	20	8
1756	38	0	33	9	20	0	18	10
	48	0	42	8	24	0	22	7
1757	72	0	64	0	32	0	30	1
	64	0	56	11	32	0	30	1
1758	58	0	51	7	32	0	30	1
	48	0	42	8	28	0	26	4
1759	40	0	35	7	24	0	22	7
	38	0	33	9	22	0	20	8
1760	34	8	30	10	22	0	20	8
	32	0	28	5	20	0	18	10
1761	27	0	24	0	18	0	16	11
	28	0	24	11	18	0	16	11
1762	33	4	29	8	18	0	16	11
	34	0	30	3	26	0	24	6
1763	34	6	30	8	30	0	28	3
	40	0	35	7	32	0	30	1
1764	42	0	37	4	30	0	28	3
	48	0	42	8	26	0	24	6
1765	52	0	46	3	26	0	24	6
	52	0	46	3	30	0	28	3
1766	52	0	46	3	30	0	28	3
	40	0	35	7	28	0	26	4
1767	71	4	63	5	32	0	30	1
	....		....		30	0	28	3
1768	64	6	57	4	30	0	28	3
	64	0	56	11	28	0	26	4
1769	50	0	44	5	26	0	24	6
	50	0	44	5	24	0	22	7
1770	....		....		24	0	22	7
	56	0	49	9	26	0	24	6
1771	....		....		32	0	30	1
	....		....		32	0	30	1
1772	64	0	56	11	32	0	30	1
	....		....		34	0	32	0
1773	63	0	56	0	38	0	35	9
	66	0	58	8	36	0	33	11
1774	60	0	53	4	36	0	33	11
	80	0	71	1	36	0	33	11

	WHEAT.				MALT.			
	Qr. of nine Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight & half Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1775	70	0	62	3	36	0	33	11
	60	0	53	4	36	0	33	11
1776	40	0	35	7	30	0	28	3
	44	0	39	1	26	0	24	6
1777	52	0	46	3	26	0	24	6
	60	0	53	4	26	0	24	6
1778	56	0	49	9	30	0	28	3
	....		....		26	0	24	6
1779	36	0	32	0	26	0	24	6
	42	0	37	4	26	0	24	6
1780	42	0	37	4	24	0	22	7
	48	0	42	8	24	0	22	7
1781	60	0	53	4	....		....	
	60	0	53	4	24	0	22	7
1782	60	0	53	4	26	0	24	6
	66	0	58	8	34	0	32	0
1783	....		....		38	0	35	9
	66	0	58	8	34	0	32	0
1784	68	0	60	5	38	0	35	9
	68	0	60	5	34	0	32	0
1785	53	0	47	1	30	0	28	3
	56	0	49	9	38	0	35	9
1786	46	2	41	0	34	0	32	0
	48	0	42	8	30	0	28	3
1787	....		....		32	0	30	1
	56	0	49	9	32	0	30	1
1788	....		....		30	0	28	3
	....		....		30	0	28	3
1789	54	0	48	0	30	0	28	3
	67	0	59	7	....		....	
1790	66	0	58	8	34	0	32	0
	64	0	56	11	30	0	28	3
1791	60	0	53	4	32	0	30	1
	56	0	49	9	36	0	33	11
1792	....		....		36	0	33	11
	60	0	53	4	38	0	35	9
1793	....		....		40	0	37	8
	56	0	49	9	42	0	39	6
1794	....		....		....		....	
	....		....		....		....	
1795	70	0	62	3	44	0	41	5
	104	0	92	5	42	0	39	6
1796	104	0	92	5	46	0	43	4
	80	0	71	1	42	0	39	6
1797	60	0	53	4	38	0	35	9
	86	0	76	5	42	0	39	6

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	WHEAT.				MALT.			
	Qr. of nine Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight & half Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1798	....		....		38	0	35	9
	64	0	56	11	....		....	
1799	....		....		....		....	
	100	0	88	11	50	0	47	1
1800	140	0	124	5	70	0	65	11
	120	0	106	8	....		....	
1801	200	0	177	9	79	0	74	4
	101	2	89	11	....		....	
1802	76	0	67	6	46	0	43	4
	80	0	71	1	38	0	35	9
1803	62	0	55	1	34	0	32	0
	68	0	60	5	33	4	31	4
1804	....		....		....		....	
	103	6	92	0	35	6	33	5
1805	120	0	106	8	61	4	57	9
	....		....		57	4	54	0
1806	92	0	81	9	41	10	39	4
	98	0	87	1	58	10	55	4
1807	96	8	85	11	58	10	55	4
	....		....		49	4	46	5
1808	87	8	77	11	49	4	46	5
	116	0	103	1	58	10	55	4
1809	118	0	104	11	....		....	
	141	8	125	11	67	4	63	4
1810	126	0	112	0	....		....	
	140	0	124	5	69	4	65	3
1811	112	0	99	7	57	4	54	0
	140	0	124	5	65	4	61	6
1812	166	0	147	7	77	4	72	9
	144	0	128	0	77	4	72	9
1813	153	0	136	0	85	4	80	4
	119	3	106	0	80	0	75	4
1814	95	7½	85	0	56	8	53	4
	108	0	96	0	56	8	53	4
1815	94	6	84	0	48	2	45	4
	74	3	66	0	42	6	40	0
1816	70	10½	63	0	39	8	37	4
	117	0	104	0	56	8	53	4
1817	166	6	148	0	82	2	77	4
	112	6	100	0	73	8	69	4
1818	112	6	100	0	73	8	69	4
	112	6	100	0	86	5	81	4
1819	101	3	90	0	82	2	77	4
	90	0	80	0	63	9	60	0
1820	90	0	80	0	63	9	60	0
	74	3	66	0	46	9	44	0

	WHEAT.				MALT.			
	Qr. of nine Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight & half Winch. bush.		Qr. of eight Winch. bush.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1821	72	0	64	0	42	6	40	0
	103	6	92	0	55	3	52	0
1822	76	6	68	0	51	0	48	0
	58	6	52	0	....		....	
1823	72	0	64	0	....		....	
	65	3	58	0	....		....	
1824	83	3	74	0	55	3	52	0
	74	3	66	0	59	6	56	0
1825	90	0	80	0	63	9	60	0
	87	9	78	0	63	9	60	0
1826	78	9	70	0	59	6	56	0
	64	1½	57	0	59	6	56	0
1827	69	9	62	0	61	7½	58	0
	67	6	60	0	55	3	52	0
1828	70	10½	63	0	....		....	
	114	2	101	6	59	6	56	0
1829	94	6	84	0	55	3	52	0
	90	0	80	0	59	6	56	0

*** Among bishop Tanner's papers in the Bodleian Library, there is an account of the prices of wheat and malt for nearly 80 years, between 1637 and 1720, differing considerably both from the Oxford and Windsor Tables. In general the prices assigned by it are lower than those of either Oxford or Windsor. The following are the prices of wheat extracted from it for the 32 years succeeding the restoration.

	Wheat by the Qr.			Wheat by the Qr.			Wheat by the Qr.			Wheat by the Qr.	
	s.	d		s.	d.		s.	d.		s.	d.
1661	42	8	1669	42	0	1677	25	4	1685	45	4
	69	4		33	4		36	8		34	8
1662	80	0	1670	29	4	1678	42	8	1686	25	4
	45	4		36	0		45	4		26	8
1663	41	4	1671	36	0	1679	50	8	1687	31	0
	52	0		36	0		41	4		24	0
1664	50	8	1672	29	4	1680	34	8	1688	21	4
	33	4		32	0		36	0		18	8
1665	38	0	1673	32	0	1681	40	0	1689	21	4
	30	8		40	0		40	0		25	4
1666	30	8	1674	56	0	1682	33	4	1690	28	0
	21	4		48	0		32	0		23	4
1667	24	0	1675	44	0	1683	36	0	1691	23	4
	33	4		40	0		29	4		28	0
1668	26	8	1676	32	8	1684	36	0	1692	34	0
	34	0		25	4		40	8		40	0

It is not mentioned in the manuscript from what source these prices were derived, but as the words "Lady-day," "Michaelmas," are repeated for every year in a column under the head *Pay-day*, it is clear that they were taken from some rent account, (under the Act 18th Eliz. referred to in page 9,) and belong probably either to Cambridge or Winchester. It is not thought necessary to insert the whole of these prices, because, till the place from which they were derived has been ascertained, we can know nothing accurately respecting the quantity referred to under the denomination of a bushel, which, until a comparatively late period, varied in different parts of the country from eight to ten gallons.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES.

A valuation of corn, cattle, &c. made in Warwickshire, Sept. 21, 1290. 18 Edw. I.[u]

		l.	*s.*	*d.*
11 oxen - - -	(each)	0	9	0
3 riding horses - -	——	1	6	8
3 cart horses - -	——	0	6	8
2 tame deer - -	——	0	1	8
2 boars - - -	——	0	3	0
5 sows - - -	——	0	2	6
28 hogs not full grown -	——	0	1	6
18 weaned pigs - -	——	0	0	5
15 sucking pigs - -	——	0	0	3
2 swans - - -	——	0	3	4
2 other swans - -	——	0	1	8
21 ducks - - -	——	0	0	1
1 quarter, 2½ bushels of wheat, at per quarter		0	6	0
1 quarter, 2½ bushels of rye, at per quarter		0	5	0
14 quarters of barley[x] in the granary, and 18 quarters in the straw, at per quarter		0	3	0
1 quarter 6 bushels of beans and pease in the granary, and 37 quarters in the straw, at per quarter - - -		0	2	8
11 quarters of oats in the straw, at per quar.		0	2	0
20 bacon hogs - -	(each)	0	3	4
18 silver spoons - -	——	0	0	10
88½ acres of wheat[y], at per acre - -		0	2	0

[u] From Dugdale's MSS. in the Ashmolean Museum. See Appendix, p. 88. The prices of *corn* here given are quoted by Dugdale in his History of Warwickshire, whence Sir F. Eden has taken them: but they are by Sir F. Eden erroneously referred to the year 1289.

[x] Or drag. See Appendix. Note, p. 88.

[y] *Frumenti seminatus.* This was on the 27th of September, new style. It is doubtful whether newly-sown or standing wheat was intended. The lowness of the price, the date, and the circumstance of there being no standing corn mentioned of any other description, seem in favour of the supposition of newly sown wheat being intended. On the other hand, it is observable that there was but little wheat in the granary, and none in the straw, while of barley, beans, pease, and oats there was plenty. Sir F. Eden quotes from the Chronicon de Dun-

Prices in Oxford fixed by the Vice-Chancellor, in a time of "great penury and lack," during the reign of Philip and Mary, probably in December 1555[z].

		s.	d.
A couple of gray conies of the best	not above	0	8
The fattest capons - -	not above	0	14
The caponet - - -	not above	0	8
The fattest goose - -	not above	0	12
The fattest pig[a] - -	not above	0	12
A pound of the best butter -	not above	0	3
A pound of the best cotton candles	not above	0	3
A gallon of the best Gascony wine	not above	0	10
Smaller quantities in proportion, thus, a pint,	not above	0	1¼
A gallon of Sibbyes, Rochell, Quinocke, and such other small wines - -	not above	0	8
A gallon of Sack or Malvesey -	not above	0	20
A gallon of the best Muskadell -	not above	2	0
And smaller quantities in proportion.			
A bushel of the best bran -	not above	0	8

Prices of corn and other commodities in Salisbury and its neighbourhood, in 1585, 1586, 1587, 1591, 1593, 1594, *and* 1595, *extracted from Dr. Forman's Memoranda*[b].

In the quarter beginning March 11, 1585, ending June 11.

Corn, reasonable.

Sugar, very dear, worth by the pound -	0	1	6

Butter, fish, flesh, &c. good cheap.

stable, the price of an acre of wheat in 1254 at 2*s.* on the authority of the following passage: "Eodem anno, emimus bladum de Humbrilisho, pro centum soli-"dis: scilicet, quamlibet acram frumenti et avenæ pro duobus solidis." From Keeble's inventory (Gent. Mag. 1768, p. 257) it appears that in 1500, on the 15th of July, barley was valued at 1*s.* 6*d.* or 1*s.* 8*d.* per acre.

[z] See the Vice-Chancellor's proclamation at large in the Appendix, p. 89.

[a] It is observable that the same price, 12*d.*, is fixed for the fattest goose and the fattest pig. The ordinary price of the time was much lower. Hume, remarking on the great rise of prices in queen Elizabeth's reign, quotes from a cotemporary author, who, after stating that in 20 or 30 years before 1581 commodities had in general risen 50 per cent, some more, proceeds, "Cannot you, "neighbour, remember, that, within these 30 years, I could in this town buy the "best pig or goose I could lay my hands on for fourpence, which now costest "12*d.*, a good capon for 3*d.* or 4*d.*, a chicken for 1*d.*, &c."

[b] See Appendix, p. 94.

In the quarter beginning June 11, 1585, ending Sept. 13.

Wheat by the bushel	-	0	3	0
Barley - - -	-	0	1	10

Fruit, reasonable.

Flesh, good cheap.

In the quarter beginning Sept. 13, 1585, ending Dec. 12.

Wheat, about harvest time, by the bushel	2*s.* 2*d.*	0	2	4
Ditto, on Michaelmas day -	-	0	2	6
Barley, about harvest time, by the bushel	-	0	1	4
Ditto, on Michaelmas day -	-	0	1	6
Oats, about harvest time -	8*d.*	0	0	10
Cothed sheep, good cheap, by the hundred		5	0	0
Cheese, of the best, by the hundred	-	0	20	0
Ditto, some better cheap -	-	0	16	0

In the quarter beginning Dec. 12, 1585, ending Mar. 11, 1586.

Butter, very dear, by the pound	-	0	0	6
Cheese, very dear, by the pound	-	0	0	3
Barley, by the bushel -	-	0	2	0
Wheat, by the bushel -	4*s.*	0	4	4
Malt - - -	-	0	2	0
Oats - - -	-	0	1	8
Rye - - -	-	0	4	0
Peason - - -	-	0	2	0
Pepper [c] - - -	-	0	4	4
Ginger - - -	-	0	2	6
Salt - - -	-	0	3	4

Flesh, very dear.

In the quarter beginning March 11, 1586, ending June 12.

Flesh, very dear.

Wheat, by the bushel -	4*s.*	0	5	8
Barley - - -	-	0	2	6
Dantzic rye - -	-	0	3	4
Hops by the hundred -	-	2	1	0
Pepper - - -	-	0	4	0
Sugar, of the best - -	-	0	0	16

[c] There can be little doubt that the price of pepper here given is intended to be by the pound, and so of ginger; and of salt by the bushel. But the quantity is not stated in the original.

Anisseeds	-	-	-	0	0	7
Ginger	-	-	-	0	2	0

In the quarter beginning June 12, 1586, ending Sept. 13.

Wheat	-	-	-	5*s.*	0	5	8
Barley and malt		-	-	-	0	3	0
Oats	-	-	-	-	0	2	0
Rye	-	-	-	-	0	4	0

In the quarter beginning Sept. 13, 1586, ending Dec. 12.

Wheat (average of 7 prices)	-	-	0	3	8½
Barley (average of 6 prices)	-	-	0	1	10
Malt	-	-	-	0	1	10
Butter, by the pound	-	-	0	0	3½
Cheese, by the pound	-	-	0	0	2¼
Best cheese, by the hundred	-	-	0	25	0
Second best	-	-	-	0	22	0
Worst	-	-	-	0	18	0
Oil, by the tun	-	-	-	30	0	0
Salt, by the bushel	-	-	2*s.*	0	2	4
White salt	-	-	-	0	3	4
Pepper	-	-	-	0	4	0
Wool, by the weight, at Michaelmas			-	0	17	0
Cothed sheep by the hundred		-	-	5	0	0

In the quarter beginning Dec. 12, 1586, ending Mar. 11, 1587.

Dun and black fustian	-	-	0	1	2
Hops, by the hundred	-	-	2	0	0
Figs, very dear, at per pound	-	4*d.*	0	0	5
Four eggs	-	-	-	0	0	1
Or sometimes seven eggs	-	-	0	0	2
Wheat, by the bushel	-	-	0	3	8
Barley and malt	-	-	-	0	2	0
Oats	-	-	-	-	0	1	6
Fish, poor Jonas, by the hundred		-	0	13	0
Oysters, by the hundred	-	-	0	0	4
Currants, by the hundred	-	-	1	8	0
Grains, by the pound	-	-	0	1	0
Ginger, by the pound	-	-	0	1	0
Wool, by the weight	-	-	1	3	0
Cheese, by the hundred	-	-	1	6	0

Butter, by the pound - -	0	0	4
A sack of coals - - -	0	0	3½
Eighty faggots - - -	0	3	4
Black soap, by the hundred - -	1	3	0
Wheat, in March - - -	0	4	0
Pease - - - -	0	2	8
Cheese, in March - - -	1	3	0
Wool, or woollen yarn, in February -	1	0	0
Poor Jonas, and dry fish, very dear, by the hundred	0	15	0

In the quarter beginning Sept. 13, 1591, ending Dec. 12.

Wheat, by the bushel - -	0	2	0
Barley - - - -	0	1	6
Sixteen cucumbers - - -	0	0	1
Musk millions apiece - - 4*d.* 3*d.*	0	0	6

In the quarter beginning June 12, 1593, ending Sept. 13.

Pitch rose from 6*s.* the barrel to -	0	12	0
Whale oil fell from 36*l.* the tun to -	29	0	0
Seville oil fell to - - -	33	0	0
Semen citri rose from 4*s.* the pound to -	0	10	0
Rhubarb fell from 8*l.* the pound to -	6	0	0
Allum rose from 28*s.* the hundred to -	1	10	0
Galls rose from 4*l.* 5*s.* the hundred to -	6	5	0
Wine fell from 28*l.* the tun to - -	20	0	0
Sun-raisins fell from 34*s.* to - -	0	28	0
English hops fell from 4*l.* the hundred to -	1	17	0
Flemish hops from 40*s.* to - -	1	0	0
Lead by the tun - - -	7	0	0
1594. Lead rose gradually, till in Dec. 1594, it was at, by the tun - - -	10	0	0
Tin rose from 5*d.*, till in Dec. 1594, it was at	0	0	9
Wheat, at Michaelmas 1594, by the bushel	0	6	0
1595. And till Lent 1595, very dear, at the least	0	4	8
1594. Bordeaux wines by the pint - -	0	0	3
Sack by the tun - - -	23	0	0

APPENDIX.

PAGE 1.

Copy of the records of some proceedings in Oxford under the Statutes "Assiza panis et cervisiæ," "Judicium pilloriæ," and "Statutum de pistoribus."

QUANDO[a] quarterium frumenti venditur pro XII denariis, tunc wastellus de quadrante ponderabit VI lib. XVI solidos. Panis autem de coketto de eodem blado et de eodem boletello ponderabit plus quam wastellus 2*s*.[b] Et de blado minoris pretii ponderabit plus quam wastellus 5*s*. Panis autem de simenello ponderabit minus quam wastellus 2*s*. quia coctus[c]. Panis autem de teett de quadrante ponderabit 2

[a] Rot. 1. See the statute "Assiza panis et cervisiæ," in the statutes of the realm, printed under the authority of the Commissioners of Public Records, vol. i. p. 199. This first roll consists of extracts from the statutes, with a few variations.

[b] All numbers are expressed in the original by the Roman numerals. The use of the Arabic characters commenced, as is well known, at a much later period.

[c] Quia *bis* coctus in the statutes. The "panis de wastello," "panis de simenello," and "panis de coketto," appear to have been different sorts of white bread, all made from corn of the same quality, but with some differences in the mode of preparation.

That they were all nearly alike in the quality of the materials is evident from the minuteness of the differences in the respective weights of the farthing loaf. When wheat was at 1*s*. 2*s*. or 3*s*. a quarter, the farthing loaf weighed, in each case respectively, six, four, or two pounds, and upwards, in which weights a difference of 2*s*. was a quantity too small to be allowed on account of any difference in the quality of the materials. The symnel bread was first boiled and then baked, and the allowance of 2*s*. was made for the additional loss of weight in this double preparation. "Panis autem de simenello ponderabit minus quam "wastellus ii*s*. quia *bis* coctus est," according to the common reading of the statute. So also an old assize book, printed in the time of Henry the Eighth, quoting a statute which it describes as having been made at Winchester, says, "The symnel shall wey less than the wastell by ii*s*., because of the sethynge." And in the west of England the name of symnel cakes still attaches to cakes prepared in a certain way, of which one peculiarity (though perhaps the only character which they have in common with the symnel bread) is, that they are both baked and boiled. In Todd's Johnson's Dictionary, simnel is described

as "a kind of sweet-bread or cake"; and from a work of the date of 1595, there is given the following quotation: "*Sodden* bread, which be called simnels, or "cracknells, be very unwholesome."

Simnel bread was still in use, but not much in use in 1684, as is evident from the following article from Manley's Interpreter, which was first inserted in the edition of 1684. "Simnell, Simnellus, from the Latin *simila*, which signifies "the finest part of the flour. Panis similageneus, simnel bread. It is men-"tioned in the 'Assiza panis,' and is still in use, specially in Lent." It was not spice bread; for orders issued by the privy council in the times of Elizabeth and James I. for regulating the assize of bread, which prohibit the making of "spice-cakes, buns, bisket, or any other spice-bread, except at burials, Easter, "or Christmas, expressly state, that *spinnel* bread, wastel, white, wheaten, "household, and horsebreads, and none other kinds of bread," may be made.

Neither the "panis de simenello," nor the "panis de wastello," were common white bread; which appears to have been described in the statute under the denomination of "panis de coketto." That wastel bread was not plain white bread, will be evident from a consideration of various particulars. In a very old manuscript book in the Bodleian Library, which purports to contain copies of charters and statutes, under the title "Assiza panis," is given the substance of part of the statute "Assiza panis et cervisiæ." In that abstract of the statute there occur the following words, "Quando quarterium frumenti venditur pro "xviii*d*. tunc panis albus de quadrante, et panis similiter de wastello, pondera-"bit iiii*li*. x*s*. viii*d*." where a distinction is evidently taken between wastel bread, and white bread. So again, in the old Assize book before referred to, the words succeeding those already quoted from the statute of Winchester, are these: "and the farthynge whyte lofe shall wey more than the wastel by ii*s*. because of "the brakynge." An instance in which the distinction was made in the time of Elizabeth and James has already been quoted.

Though, however, it is clear that wastel bread was not common white bread, it is not easy to ascertain in what the difference consisted.

In the Assize book before mentioned, the weights of "the farthynge wastell, the "farthynge simnel, the farthynge white lofe, the halfpeny whyte lofe, the halfpeny "wheten lofe, the peny wheaten lofe, and the halfpeny householde lofe," are calculated for the different prices of wheat, from 12*d*. to 20*s*. 6*d*. the quarter. At the tops of the respective columns there is a cut or figure of a loaf of each kind of bread; where the wastel loaf appears as if formed with a stamp or mould, the symnel looks like a patty or pie with a close paste, and all the other kinds of bread are exhibited as round notched loaves, differing only in their size.

The derivation of the term *wastel* is uncertain. Cowel, who is followed by Cunningham, Tomlins, Crab, and others, deduces the name from the wassel-bowl, the bowl used by the Saxons at their entertainments in drinking healths; and cakes and fine white bread, usually sopped in the wassel-bowl, are supposed from it to have obtained the name of wastel-bread. But they refer to Matt. Paris, 141, at which reference all that is to be found relative to this subject is the following expression, which occurs in a passage apparently describing the ceremonies to be observed on the admission of a newly-elected abbot: "Solus in refectorio prandebit supremus, habens vastellum."

"Panis de coketto" was plain white bread, as has been already mentioned. "Panis de integro frumento" was wheaten bread, and "panis de omni blado" was

wastell. Panis vero integer de frumento ponderabit unum coket et di. Panis de omnibus ponderibus 2 cokett[d].

[e]Quando quarterium frumenti venditur pro XVIII d. tunc wastellus de quadrante ponderabit, 4*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*

	s.	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*		*s.*	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*
Pro	2	0	68	0	Pro	*3	6	42	0
—	2	6	54	4	—	*4	0	38	0
—	3	0	*48	0	—	*4	6	30	0

household bread. This is manifest from a comparison of the proportions of the weights of the different qualities of bread mentioned in the statute before us, (which is usually referred to the 51st of Henry III.) with those mentioned in the supposed statute of Winchester, which, whether it were really a statute or not, is evidently a regulation of very ancient date. The statute directs, that the wastel shall weigh more than the symnel, but less than the cocket by 2*s.*: so also the statute of Winchester directs, that the wastel shall weigh more than the symnel, but less than the white loaf by 2*s.* The weight of the white was consequently the same as that of the cocket bread. Again, the weight of the "panis de integro frumento" was half as much again as that of the cocket bread, and that of the "panis de omni blado" twice that of the cocket: so also the statute of Winchester, in the continuation of the extracts already given, directs that the wheaten bread shall weigh half as much again, and that of all sorts of grain twice as much as the white bread.

Again, in the Tables for the assize of bread from the time of Henry VII. downwards, (for the Assize book already spoken of appears to have been originally composed in the 12th of Henry VII.) there is no mention made of the "panis de omni blado," but there is substituted for it the household bread, bearing the same proportion to the other sorts of bread as is directed in the statute for the "panis de omni blado," and agreeing with the weight prescribed by the statute, even in its errors. By the "panis de omni blado," therefore, was meant what was subsequently called household bread, and the "panis de integro frumento" was wheaten bread.

No doubt seems ever to have been entertained on this subject by the framers of the Assize books. In an Assize book of the date of 1595, it is observed incidentally, "the farthing cocket is the farthing white loaf at this day, the which is mentioned in the statute made in the 51st year of king Henry III."

It is difficult to say what was intended by the "panis de teet," or "treet." As its weight was to be twice that of the wastel, it could not differ much from that of the "panis de omni blado." Some derive it from *triticum*, and consider it to have meant wheaten bread, but the supposition seems to rest only on the similarity of the name. It is mentioned but rarely in these rolls; not above twice or three times at most. See pp. 72 and 86.

[d] The true reading probably is "panis de omni blado ponderabit 2 cokett." See the statute.

[e] There are errors in this Table, which is evidently intended to be calculated on the principle of diminishing the weight of bread in direct proportion to the in-

	s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.	s.	d.
Pro	5	0	27	2½	Pro	9	0	15	0
—	5	6	24	8¼	—	9	6	14	4¾
—	6	0	22	8	—	10	0	13	7¼
—	6	6	20	11	—	10	6	12	11¼
—	7	0	19	5	—	11	0	12	4¼
—	7	6	18	1½	—	11	6	11	9
—	8	0	17	0	—	12	0	11	4
—	8	6	16	0					

Et sciendum est quod in ista Assiza potest pistor lucrari in quolibet quarterio frumenti ut probatum est per pistores domini regis 3*d.*, furfur suum, et duos panes de furnagio, et quatuor servientibus 1½*d.*, et duobus garcionibus ¾*d.*, in sale ½*d.*, in busca 3*d.*, in boletello locando ½*d.* Sciendum est etiam quod non mutatur assiza panis nisi pro sex denariis crescentibus et decrescentibus, et hoc pro quarterio frumenti vendito.

[f] Pistor, cum inveniatur panis suus de quadrante in defectu ponderis 2*s.*, ut infra amercietur, et si numerum illum excedat subeat judicium pilloriæ, et non remittetur judicium delinquenti neque pro auro neque pro argento.

[g] *Rotulus temptationum panis factarum coram Johanne de Dokelingtone, Andrea de Pyrie, et Willielmo de B ——, custodibus assisæ panis et cervisiæ in villa Oxon. per commissionem dominæ Margaretæ reginæ Angliæ, in præsentia magistrorum Thomæ de Angerville et Johannis de Erdesholpe, deputatorum per Cancellarium Universitatis Oxon. ad hujusmodi temptationes supervidendas in villa prædicta.*

crease in the price of corn. A Table accurately calculated to the nearest farthing would be as follows:

	s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.	s.	d.
Pro	2	0	68	0	Pro	5	6	24	8¾	Pro	9	0	15	1¼
—	2	6	54	4¾	—	6	0	22	8	—	9	6	14	3¾
—	3	0	*45	4	—	6	6	20	11	—	10	0	13	7¼
—	3	6	*38	10¼	—	7	0	19	5¼	—	10	6	12	11½
—	4	0	*34	0	—	7	6	18	1½	—	11	0	12	4¼
—	4	6	*30	2¾	—	8	0	17	0	—	11	6	11	10
—	5	0	27	2½	—	8	6	16	0	—	12	0	11	4

The same errors occur in the statute.

[f] See Statutes of the Realm, vol. i. p. 202. Statutum de pistoribus.

[g] Rot. 2. Endorsed in a later hand, "Temptatio panis 3tio et 4to ed. 2di."

Temptatio panis facta die Veneris proxima ante festum Sanctæ Frideswydæ virginis[h], anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi tertio, per sacramentum Johannis Wyth, Thomæ de Mortone, Johannis de Covele, et Roberti de la Bache, juratorum super venditione frumenti die sabbati proxima præcedente —— prædictæ: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Sabbati prædicto quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 8*s.*; secundi melioris pro 7*s.* 6*d.*; et tertii melioris pro 7*s.*

	s.	*d.*
Panis quadrantis de wastello Michaelis le Chapman de Wodestoke, inventus in manibus Johannis de Harwedone, deficiens in pondere - - - -	0	18
Panis obolot' de coketto Hugonis de Eynesham, def. in pon.	3	0
Panis ob' de consimili Adæ de Tademertone, def. in pon. -	2	0
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi de Chippenham, def. in pon.	0	20
Panis ob' de consimili Adæ de Eynesham, def. in pon. -	2	0
Panis ob' de consimili Ricardi de Bloxham, def. in pon. -	2	0
Panis ob' de clermat'[i] Adæ de Eynesham, def. in pon. -	2	0
Panis ob' de consimili Adæ de Tademertone, def. in pon. -	3	0
Panis ob' integer de frumento Galfridi de Covele, def. in pon.	2	0
Panis ob' de omni blado, Roberti filii Henrici le Gaoler, def.	3	0
Panis ob' de consimili Johannis le Furner, extra portam borealem Oxon., deficiens in pondere - -	3	0

Temptatio panis facta die Martis proxima post festum Omnium Sanctorum[k], anno regni regis Edwardi[l] tertio, per sacramentum Nigelli de Gowynestone, Roberti de la Bache, Simonis le Barber, Willielmi de Puseye, Johannis de Covele, et Johannis de Covesgrave, juratorum: Qui dicunt quod die Mercurii et Sabbati proxima præcedente, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 8*s.*; secundi melioris pro 7*s.* 6*d.*; et tertii melioris pro 7*s.*

[h] Oct. 19, 1309. This date, and those to be subsequently given, express the time of the feast, and not the precise day of the transaction.

[i] This description of bread does not seem to be mentioned by any author. In a subsequent part of the rolls the word is written in full, *clermatyn*. There was a kind of bread called *panis matinellus*. Possibly this may have been *panis matinellus clericorum*.

[k] Nov. 1, 1309.

[l] King Edward the Second is intended. He had been once described at the beginning of the rolls to be "Edwardus, filius regis Edwardi," and the description is not repeated.

	s.	d.
Panis quadrantis de wastello Reginaldi Lickepipin, inventus in manibus Simonis de Wortone, deficiens in pondere -	0	7
Panis ob' de coketto Edmundi de Rollendright, def. in pon.	0	18
Panis ob' de consimili Adæ de Tilhurst, def. in pon. -	0	15
Panis ob' de consimili Johannis de Thomele, def. in pon. -	3	0

Et quia compertum fuit per recordum curiæ quod defectus iste est quartus defectus panis ipsius Johannis, præter alios minutos defectus, ideo adjudicatur judicio pilloriæ, et habet judicium.

Panis ob' de consimili Ricardi de Bloxham, def. in pon. -	0	18
Panis ob' de consimili Johannis de Leye, def. in pon. - fecit finem pro 2*s*.	0	18
Panis ob' de consimili Adæ de Tademertone, def. in pon. -	0	18
Panis ob' de consimili Roberti le Skinnere, def. in pon. -	0	12
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi Broun junioris, def. in pon.	0	12
Panis ob' de integro Julianæ Edward, deficiens in pondere -	0	18
Panis ob' de omnibus Henrici Grym, deficiens in pondere -	0	18
Panis ob' de consimili Julianæ Edward, def. in pon. -	0	18

Temptatio panis facta die Sabbati proxima post festum Sancti Edmundi regis[l], anno regni regis Edwardi tertio, per sacramentum Thomæ de Mortone, Thomæ Somer, —— de Wintone, Johannis Stene, Willielmi de Wordeforde, et Ricardi de Glouc', juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum quod die Mercurii proxima præcedente, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 8*s*.; secundi melioris pro 7*s*. 6*d*.; et tertii melioris pro 7*s*.

Panis quadrantis de wastello, inventus in manibus Emmæ Broun, deficiens in pondere - - -	0	9
Panis ob' de coketto Johannis de Thomele, def. in pon. -	2	0
Panis ob' de clerm' Roberti filii Henrici le Gaoler, def. in pon.	3	6

Temptatio panis facta die Martis proxima post festum Sancti Thomæ Apostoli[m], anno regni regis Edwardi tertio, per sacramentum Gilberti de Winchecombe, Willielmi de Puseye, Johannis de Covele, Johannis de Hampstede, Laurentii le Gaunter, et Johannis de Odyham, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Sabbati proxima præcedente, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 8*s*.; secundi melioris pro 7*s*. 6*d*.; et tertii melioris pro 7*s*.

[l] Nov. 20, 1309. [m] Dec. 21, 1309.

	s.	d.
Panis quad' de wastello, inventus in manibus Willielmi le Spicer, deficiens in pondere - - -	0	12

Temptatio panis facta die Sabbati proxima post festum Sancti Hillarii [n], anno regni regis Edwardi tertio, per sacramentum Thomæ de Mortone, Johannis le Saucer, Roberti de la Bache, Johannis de Schireburne, Johannis de Covele, et Nigelli de Godwynestone, juratorum: Qui dicunt quod die Mercurii proxima præcedente, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 8*s.*; secundi melioris pro 7*s.* 6*d.*; et tertii melioris pro 7*s.*

Panis quad' de wastello, inventus in manibus Ricardi de Uptone, deficiens in pondere - - -	0	8
Panis quad' de wastello, inventus cum Agnete Cary, def. in pon.	0	6
Panis ob' de coketto Hugonis Godestr', def. in pon. -	2	6
Panis ob' de eodem Willielmi Broun junioris, def. in pon. -	0	12
Panis ob' de clerm' Hugonis Godestr', def. in pon. -	0	12

Temptatio panis facta die Veneris proxima post festum Sancti Gregorii papæ [o], anno regni regis Edwardi tertio, per sacramentum Walteri de Wycoumbe, Reginaldi Ives, Adæ de Spaldinge, Willielmi le Deveneys, Roberti de Bache, et Johannis de Covele, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod diebus Sabbati et Mercurii proximo præteritis, quarterium melioris frumenti, communiter se vendebatur pro 8*s.*; secundi melioris pro 7*s.* 6*d.*; et tertii melioris pro 7s.

Panis ob' de simenello Radulphi de Witteneye, def. in pon. -	10	0
Panis quad' Willielmi de Godestowe de simenello, def. in pon.	2	0
Panis quad' de wastello inventus in manu Johannis Batt', def.	0	16
Panis quad' de eodem Michaelis de Wodestoke, inventus in manu Isold de Aynho, deficiens in pondere - -	0	18
Panis ob' de coketto Johannis le Longe pistoris, def. in pon.	0	12
Panis ob' de eodem Adæ de Tilhurst, def. in pon. -	2	0
Panis ob' de eodem Elenæ le Mareschal, def. in pon. -	2	6
Panis ob' de eodem Adæ de Tademertone, def. in pon. -	2	6
Panis ob' de eodem Willielmi Broun junioris, def. in pon. -	2	6
Panis ob' de eodem Willielmi de Wythalle, def. in pon. -	2	0
Panis ob' de eodem Walteri le Wyse, def. in pon. -	3	6
Panis ob' de eodem Hugonis Godstr', def. in pon. -	2	6

[n] Jan. 13, 1309-10. [o] March 12, 1309-10.

	s.	d.
Panis ob' de eodem Roberti de Quenyntone, def. in pon. -	2	6
Panis ob' de clerm' Adæ de Tademertone, def. in pon. -	0	18
Panis ob' de consimili Elenæ le Mareschal, def. in pon. -	3	0
Panis ob' de omnibus bladis Willielmi de Stoforde, def. in pon.	6	6
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi de Hasele, def. in pon. -	12	0
Panis ob' de consimili Johannis de Tiwe pistoris, def. in pon.	4	0

Temptatio panis facta die Veneris in festo Sancti Cuthberti episcopi[p], anno regni regis Edwardi tertio, per sacramentum Willielmi de Colesburne, Thomæ le Irmongere, Willielmi de Pusye, Johannis de Odyham, Thomæ de Mortone, et Ricardi de Cosingtone, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod diebus Sabbati et Mercurii proximo præcedentibus, melius frumentum se vendebatur pro 8*s.* 8*d.*; secundum melius pro 8*s.*; et tertium melius pro 7*s.* 8*d.*

Panis quad' de simenello Radulphi de Witteneye, def. in pon.	2	0
Panis quad' de wastello, inventus in manibus Gilberti de Walham, deficiens in pondere - - -	0	10
Panis quad' de eodem Roberti le Chapman de Wodestoke, inventus cum Emma Perceval, deficiens in pondere -	0	6
Panis quad' de eodem inventus in manibus Rogeri de Flexman, deficiens in pondere - -	6	0
Panis ob. de coketto Johannis de Thomele, def. in pon. -	0	15
Panis ob' de clermat' Ricardi de Bloxham, def. in pon. -	0	18
Panis ob' de eodem Radulphi de Witteneye, def. in pon. -	3	0
Panis ob' de integro Johannis de Tiwe, def. in pon. -	4	0
Panis ob' de omni blado Willielmi de Hasele, def. in pon. -	2	0
Panis denarr' de consimili Ricardi atte Hicche, def. in pon.	3	6
Panis denarr' de consimili Henrici de Yftele pistoris, inventus cum Johanne le Taillur, deficiens in pondere -	3	6

Ponderatio panis facta die Sabbati, proxima post festum Ascensionis Domini[q], anno regni regis Edwardi tertio, per sacramentum Thomæ de Moretone, Nigelli de Godwynestone, Johannis de Covele, Radulphi de Haylle, Johannis de Caumpedene, sutoris, et Thomæ Somer, juratorum: Qui dicunt, quod die Mercurii proxima precedente, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 10*s.*; secundi melioris pro 9*s.* 6*d.*; et tertii melioris pro 8*s.* 8*d.*

[p] March 20, 1309-10. [q] 1310.

	s.	d.
Panis ob' de coketto Adæ de Eynesham, deficiens in pondere	0	18
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi de Stoforde, def. in pon. -	2	0
Panis ob' de clerm' Ricardi de Bloxham, def. in pon. -	3	6
Panis denarr' de integro Ricardi de Tiwe, de parochia Omnium Sanctorum, deficiens in pondere - -	3	0
Panis denarr' de consimili Nicholai atte Hicche, def. in pon.	3	0
Panis denarr' de consimili Galfridi de Covele, def. in pon. -	10	0
Panis denarr' de consimili Julianæ Edward, def. in pon. -	10	0

Temptatio panis facta die Sabbati, in vigilia Pentecostes[r], anno prænotato, per sacramentum Ricardi de Moretone, Thomæ Somer, Thomæ de Moretone, Roberti de la Bache, Willielmi atte Nokes, et Henrici le Lumenur, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Mercurii proxima præcedente, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 10s.; secundi melioris pro 9*s.* 6*d.*; et tertii melioris pro 9*s.*

Panis quad' de wastello, inventus in manibus Willielmi Bagarde coci, deficiens in pondere - -	3	6
Panis ob' de coketto Johannis de Thomele, def. in pon. -	0	18
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi de Thomele, def. in pon. -	0	15
Panis denarr' de integro Galfridi de Covele, def. in pon. -	4	0
Panis denarr' de consimili Johannis de Tiwe, def. in pon. -	8	6
Panis denarr' de omnibus Willielmi de Bartone, def. in pon.	2	0
Panis denarr' de consimili Johannis de Tiwe, def. in pon. -	9	0

Temptatio panis facta die Mercurii proxima post festum Sancti Barnabæ Apostoli[s], anno prædicto, per sacramentum Radulphi de Haile, Willielmi de Miltone, Willielmi le Bocbyndere, Johannis de Covele, Thomæ le Irmongere, et Roberti le Coupere, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Sabbati proxima præcedente, melius frumentum se vendebatur pro 10*s.*; secundum melius pro 9*s.* 6*d.*; et tertium melius pro 9*s.*

Panis ob' de omni blado Johannis de Tiwe, def. in pon. -	2	0

Et quia compertum est per recordum hujus rotuli, quod idem Johannes pluries transgressus fuit contra assisam panis; ideo consideratum est quod idem Johannes subeat judicium pilloriæ, et habet judicium.

[r] Whitsuntide, 1310. [s] June 11, 1310.

	s.	d.
Panis ob' de omni blado Henrici le Gaoler, def. in pon. -	5	0
Panis ob' de consimili Aliciæ de Adewelle, def. in pon. -	4	0
Panis ob' de consimili Johannis de Harwedone, def. in pon.	3	0
Panis ob' de consimili Isabellæ Whithefd[s], def. in pon.	4	6

Johannes, filius Henrici le Gaoler, in misericordia, quia furn' panem pro equis falsum et incongruum, et extra omnimodum assisam.

Temptatio panis facta die Mercurii proxima ante festum Sancti Kenelm[t] regis, anno regni regis Edwardi quarto, per sacramentum Reginaldi Ives, Roberti de le Bache, Nigelli de Godwynestone, Radulphi de Cockeswelle, Johannis de Covele, et Thomæ de Mortone, juratorum super venditione frumenti: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum quod die Sabbati proxima præcedente, melius frumentum se vendebatur pro 9*s.* 6*d.*; secundum melius pro 9*s.*; et tertium melius pro 8*s.* 6*d.*

Panis quad' de wastello Willielmi Gaderecold de Wodestoke, deficiens in pondere - - - -	0	12
Panis quad' de consimili Ricardi de Sulyhulle de Wodestoke, deficiens in pondere - - - -	0	12
Panis quad' de consimili Hikkedale Persun de Wodestoke, deficiens in pondere - - - -	0	12
Panis quad' de consimili Roberti le Chapman de Wodestoke, deficiens in pondere - - - -	0	12
Panis quad' de consimili Ricardi Hete de Wodestoke, def.	0	12
Panis quad' de consimili Phillippi Croume de Wodestoke, def.	0	12
Panis ob' de coketto Elenæ la Mareschal, def. in pon. -	2	0
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi de Emyntone, def. in pon.	2	0
Panis ob' de consimili Johannis de Thomele, def. in pon.	2	0
Panis ob' de consimili Walteri de Burcestre, def. in pon.	3	0
Panis ob' de consimili Nicholai de Emyntone, def. in pon.	0	12
Panis ob' de consimili Adæ de Tilhurst, def. in pon. -	0	18
Panis ob' de clermat' Walteri le Wyse, def. in pon. -	2	0
Panis ob' de consimili Walteri de Burcestre, def. in pon. -	2	0
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi Broun junioris, def. in pon.	0	18
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi de Emyntone, def. in pon.	2	0
Panis ob' de consimili Roberti le Gryndere, def. in pon. -	0	12
Panis ob' de integro frumento Thomæ Toky, def. in pon. -	5	0

[s] Sic. [t] July 17, 1310.

	s.	d.
Panis ob' de consimili Agnetis del Bachous, def. in pon. -	0	18
Panis ob' de consimili Galfridi de Covele, def. in pon. -	3	0
Panis ob' de consimili Ricardi de Tiwe, de parochia omnium sanctorum, deficiens in pondere - - -	2	0
Panis ob' de omni blado Henrici le Gaoler, def. in pon. -	3	0
Panis ob' de consimili Aliciæ de Adewelle, def. in pon. -	3	0
Panis ob' de consimili Henrici filii Radulphi de Witteneye, deficiens in pondere - - - -	4	0
Panis denarr' de consimili Johannis de Tiwe, def. in pon.	10	0

Unde postea fecit finem pro di. mar. Mem. quod Philippus de Mixebure respondit de duodecim solidis 10½*d.* de pan' forum a principio anni usque huc.

Temptatio panis facta die Mercurii proxima post festum Sancti Egidii abbatis[u], anno regni regis Edwardi quarto, per sacramentum Willielmi de Colesburne, Gilberti de Winchecombe, Thomæ de Mortone, Thomæ le Irmonger, Nigelli de Godwynstone, et Galfridi de Grauntpount, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum quod diebus Sabbati et Lunæ proximo præcedentibus, melius frumentum se vendebatur pro 8*s.*; secundum melius pro 7*s.* 6*d.*; et tertium melius pro 7*s.*

Panis quad' de wastello Roberti Gaderecolde de Wedestoke, inventus cum Alot' la Hokestere, deficiens in pondere -	0	12
Panis quad' de wastello Johannis Petitpas de Walingford, deficiens in pondere - - - -	2	0
Panis ob' de coketto Roberti de Burcestre, def. in pon. -	0	18
Panis ob' de consimili Walteri de Burcestre, def. in pon. -	3	0
Panis ob' de clermat' Willielmi de Thomele, def. in pon. -	0	18
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi Broun junioris, def. in pon. -	0	18
Panis ob' de consimili Walteri de Burcestre, def. in pon. -	3	0
Panis denarr' de integro Willielmi de Stoford, def. in pon. -	5	0

Temptatio panis facta die Dominica proxima ante festum Sancti Michaelis[x], anno regni regis Edwardi quarto, per sacramentum Radulphi de Cokeswelle, Thomæ le Irmonger, Roberti de Wyleby, Radulphi de Haylle, Ricardi le Grasier, et Thomæ de Wycoumbe, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod diebus Mercurii et Sabbati proximo præcedentibus, melius frumentum se vendebatur pro 7*s.* 6*d.*; secundum melius pro 6*s.* 8*d.*; et tertium melius pro 6*s.*

[u] Sept. 1, 1310. [x] Sept. 29, 1310.

	s.	d.
Panis ob' de wastello Johannis de Thomele, def. in pon. -	5	6
Panis ob' de eodem Adæ de Tademertone, def. in pon. -	3	0
Panis quad' de wastello Ricardi Persun de Wodestoke, def.	0	16
Panis quad' de consimili Gilberti le Spencer, de eadem, def.	0	12
Panis quad' de consimili Michaelis le Chapman, def. in pon.	0	12
Panis quad' de consimili Ricardi King, deficiens in pondere	0	12
Panis quad' de eadem Hugonis de Kent, def. in pon. -	0	10
Panis quad' de consimili Thomæ King, def. in pon. -	0	12
Panis ob' de coketto Henrici de Neubotle, def. in pon. -	4	0
Panis ob' de consimili Johannis de Horspathe, def. in pon.	5	0
Panis ob' de consimili Ricardi de Bloxham, def. in pon. -	2	0
Panis ob' de consimili Aliciæ de Rufforde, def. in pon. -	2	0
Panis ob' de consimili Roberti de Burcestre, def. in pon. -	2	6
Panis ob' de consimili Elenæ le Marescnal, def. in pon. -	0	18
Panis ob' de consimili Adæ de Tademertone, def. in pon. -	3	0
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi de Emyntone, def. in pon.	3	0
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi de Eynesham. def. in pon. -	3	6
Panis ob' de consimili Matildæ Loud, def. in pon. -	2	0
Panis ob' de consimili Johannis le Longe, def. in pon. -	4	0
Panis ob' Willielmi de Thomele, def. in pon. - -	2	0
Panis ob' de consimili Hugonis le Couper, def. in pon. -	4	6
Panis ob' de clermat' Elenæ le Mareschal, def. in pon. -	3	0
Panis ob' de consimili Roberti de Burcestre, def. in pon. -	4	0
Panis ob' de consimili Matill' Loud, def. in pon. -	2	0
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi de Eynesham, def. in pon.	4	0
Panis ob' de consimili Adæ de Tilhurst, def. in pon. -	3	0
Panis ob' de consimili Johannis le Longe, def. in pon. -	4	0
Panis ob' de consimili Aliciæ de Rufford, def. in pon. -	2	0
Panis ob' de consimili Adæ de Tademertone, def. in pon. -	4	6
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi de Thomele, def. in pon. -	0	14
Panis ob' de consimili Nicholai de Westone, def. in pon. -	3	0
Panis ob' de integro Galfridi de Covele, def. in pon. -	4	0
Panis ob' de consimili Radulphi de Stokenechurche, def. -	2	0

[y] Temptatio panis facta die Lunæ proxima ante festum Apostolorum Simonis et Judæ [z], anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi quarto, per sacramentum Thomæ Somer, Gilberti de Winchcoumbe, Johannis de Covele, Nigelli de Godwynestone, Johannis de Caumpedene sutoris, et Simonis de Fe —— : Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum quod die

[y] Rot. 3. 4to. 5to. et 6to. Ed. 2di. [z] Oct. 28, 1310.

Mercurii proxima præcedente, melius frumentum se vendebatur pro 8*s.*; secundum melius pro 7*s.* 6*d.*; et tertium melius pro 7*s.*

	s.	*d.*
Panis ob' de integro Galfridi de Covele, deficiens in pondere	0	12

Panis Johannis Sterre inventus cum Reginaldo le Taillur, cujus panis furn' fuit extra omnem assisam. Ideo consideratum est quod quantum inveniri poterit de prædicto furn' sit forisfactum.

Panis ob' de coketto Thomæ le Warde, deficiens in pondere	10	0

Temptatio panis facta die Jovis proxima post festum Omnium Sanctorum, anno prædicto, per sacramentum Willielmi de Colesburne, Roberti de[a] Watlingtone, Thomæ Somer, Willielmi de Puseye, Thomæ le Irmonger, et Johannis de Odyham, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Sabbati proxima præcedente, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 8*s.*; secundi melioris pro 7*s.* 6*d.*; et tertii melioris pro 7*s.*

Panis ob' de coketto Johannis de Thomele, def. in pon. -	2	6

Et quia positus fuit in pilloria, ideo consideratum est die Veneris proxima sequente in plena curia, quod abjuret ministerium pistoris per unum annum et unum diem, et abjuravit.

Panis ob' de coketto Johannis le Longe, def. in pon. -	7	0
Panis ob' de integro Galfridi de Covele, def. in pon. -	7	0
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi le Workman, def. in pon.	5	0
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi, filii Johannis le False de Brehulle, deficiens in pondere - - -	6	0

Temptatio cervisiæ, facta die Veneris proxima post festum Sanctæ Catharinæ Virginis[b], anno supradicto, per sacramentum Radulphi de Cockeswelle, Thomæ Somer, Roberti de Wyleby, Adæ de Spalding, Richardi de Cosingtone, Johannis de Wyntone, Roberti de Orihulle, Johannis de Colesburn, Johannis le Webbe, Nicholai le Mac ——, Willielmi de Thomele carnificis, et Johannis Buffard carnificis, 12 juratorum ad inquirendum super communi venditione bladi facta in villâ Oxon. duobus diebus [mercati proximo] præcedentibus, videlicet frumenti, ordei, et avenarum: Qui dicunt per

[a] Nov. 1, 1310. [b] Nov. 25, 1310.

sacramentum suum, quod duobus diebus mercati prædictis, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 8*s.*; secundi melioris pro 7*s.* 4*d.*; et tertii melioris pro 6*s.* 8*d.*: quarterium vero ordei se vendebatur pro 5*s.*; et quarterium avenarum pro 2*s.* 8*d.* Et secundum istam temptationem consideratum est in plena curia, quod braciatores in Oxon. vendant in una lagena bonæ cervisiæ pro 1¼*d.* et in dolio pro 1½*d.*

Temptatio panis, facta die Martis proxima post festum Sanctæ Luciæ virginis[b], anno regni regis Edwardi quarto, per sacramentum Thomæ de Mortone, Roberti de la Bache, Willielmi de Puseye, Johannis de Covele, Willielmi atte More, et Johannis le Webbe, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod diebus Sabbati et Mercurii proximo præcedentibus, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 7*s.* 8*d.*; secundi melioris pro 7*s.*; et tertii melioris pro 6*s.* 8*d.*

	s.	*d.*
Panis quad' de wastello Ricardi Persun de Wodestoke, def.	0	12
Panis quad' de consimili Roberti le Walsh de eadem, def. -	0	20
Panis quad' de consimili Gilberti le Spencer de eadem, def.	0	10
Panis quad' de consimili Johannis le Sawyer, de eadem, def.	0	12
Panis ob' de coketto Edmundi de Rollendright, def. in pon.	3	0
Panis ob' de consimili Thomæ Toky, deficiens in pondere -	0	18
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi de Chippenham, def. in pon.	0	12
Panis ob' de consimili Thomæ filii Johannis de Horspathe, deficiens in pondere - - - - -	0	12
Panis ob' de clerm' Henrici le Gaoler, def. in pon. -	5	0
Panis ob' de integro Thomæ de Dorkecestre, def. in pon. -	8	0
Panis denarr' de omni bladó Willielmi de Whitele, def. -	6	0

Temptatio panis facta die Sabbati proxima post festum Epiphaniæ Domini[c], anno regni Regis Edwardi quarto, per sacramentum Willielmi de Puseye, Willielmi de Whatele, Johannis de Gunwardeby, Thomæ le Cotiller, Johannis de Loughteburghe, et Henrici le Mareschal, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod diebus Mercurii et Sabbati proximo præcedentibus, melius frumentum se vendebatur pro 7*s.* 8*d.*; secundum melius pro 7*s.*; et tertium melius pro 6*s.* 8*d.*

[b] Dec. 13, 1310. [c] Jan. 6, 1310-11.

	s.	d.
Panis quad' de wastello Willielmi de Kent de Wodestoke, deficiens in pondere - - - -	0	12
Panis ob' de coketto Roberti le Grynder, def. in pon. -	0	18
Panis ob' de clerm' Adæ de Tilhurst, def. in pon. -	0	12
Panis ob' de integro Radulphi de Stockenechurche, def. in pon.	3	0
Panis denarr' de consimili Julianæ Edward, def. in pon. -	2	6

Temptatio panis, facta die Jovis in crastino Sanctorum Fabiani et Sebastiani[d], anno regni regis Edwardi quarto, per sacramentum Thomæ de Mortone, Roberti de la Bache, Nigelli de Godwynestone, Thomæ le Irmongere, Roberti de Wyleby, et Johannis de Covele, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod diebus Sabbati et Mercurii præcedentibus, melius frumentum se vendebatur pro 8*s.*; secundum melius pro 7*s.* 8*d.*; et tertium melius pro 7*s.*

Panis ob' de coketto Johannis de Leye, def. in pon. -	2	0
Panis ob' de consimili Adæ de Tademertone, def. in pon. -	5	0
Panis ob' de integro Henrici le Gaoler, def. in pon. -	8	0

Et quia compertum est, per inspectionem rotulorum istorum, quod prædictus Henricus pluries transgressus fuit contra assisam: ideo die Veneris proxima sequente in plena curia adjudicatur pilloriæ, et habet judicium.

Temptatio panis facta die Martis proxima ante festum Sancti Valentini martyris[e], anno prædicto, per sacramentum Thomæ de Mortone, Roberti de Wyleby, Thomæ Somer, Nigelli de Godwynestone, Willielmi de Miltone, et Willielmi de Whatele, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Sabbati proxima precedente, melius frumentum se vendebatur pro 8*s.* 2*d.*; secundum melius pro 7*s.* 8*d.*; et tertium melius pro 7*s.*

Panis ob' de coketto Willielmi de Emyntone, def. in pon. -	0	12

Temptatio panis facta die Martis proxima post festum Annunciationis beatæ Mariæ virginis[f], anno prædicto, per sacramentum Thomæ Somer, Radulphi de Cokeswelle, Thomæ de Mortone, Johannis atte Yate, Nigelli de Godwynstone, et Roberti de Bowes, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Sabbati proxima præcedente, communis ven-

[d] Jan. 20, 1310-11. [e] Feb. 14, 1310-11. [f] March 25, 1311.

ditio melioris frumenti se fecit in mercato pro 8*s.*; secundi melioris pro 7*s.* 6*d.*; et tertii melioris pro 7*s.*

	s.	*d.*
Panis quad' de simenello Johannis le Mattere de Wodestoke, deficiens in pondere - - - -	0	18
Panis quad' de eodem Henrici filii Radulphi de Witteneye, deficiens in pondere - - - -	0	20
Panis quad' de wastello Thomæ King de Wodestoke, def.	0	18
Panis quad' de consimili Roberti le Walsh de eadem, def.	0	18
Panis quad' Philippi Croum de eadem, deficiens in pondere	2	0
Panis quad' Edithæ le Chapman de eadem, def. in pon. -	0	14
Panis ob' de coketto Willielmi de Chippenham, def. in pon.	0	12
Panis ob' de consimili Thomæ de Eynesham, def. in pon. -	0	12
Panis ob' de consimili Johannis de Leye, def. in pon. -	0	14
Panis ob' de consimili Edmundi de Rollendright, def. in pon.	2	0
Panis ob' de clerm' Willielmi de Chippenham, def. in pon.	3	0
Panis ob' de consimili Adæ de Eynesham, def. in pon. -	0	18

Temptatio panis facta die Martis proxima ante festum Sancti Georgii martyris[g], anno prædicto, per sacramentum Johannis atte Yate, Thomæ le Irmonger, Ricardi le Grazier, Ricardi de Edrope, Johannis le Ferrur, et Ricardi de Cosingtone, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Sabbati proxima precedente, venditio melioris frumenti communiter se fecit in mercato pro 7*s.* 6*d.*; secundi melioris pro 7*s.*; et tertii melioris pro 6*s.* 8*d.*

Panis ob' de coketto Willielmi Broun senioris, def. in pon.	0	18
Panis ob' de consimili Walteri de Burcestre, def. in pon. -	0	18
Panis ob' de clerm' Johannis de Leye, def. in pon. -	0	18

Temptatio panis facta die Sabbati proxima post festum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli[h], anno prædicto, per sacramentum Willielmi de Puseye, Gilberti de Westone, Gilberti de Winchecoumbe, Galfridi de Graunpount, Thomæ le Irmongere, et Ricardi le Grasier, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod diebus Mercurii et Sabbati proximo præcedentibus, melius frumentum se vendebatur pro 7*s.*; secundum melius pro 6*s.* 6*d.*; et tertium melius pro 6*s.*

Panis quad' de wastello Thomæ King de Wodestoke, def. in pon.	0	18
Panis quad' de consimili Michaelis le Chapman, def. in pon.	2	4

[g] April 23, 1311. [h] June 29, 1311.

	s.	d.
Panis quad' de consimili Edythæ le Chapman, deficiens -	0	12
Panis quad' de consimili Roberti le Chapman, def. -	0	12
Panis quad' de consimili Ricardi King, def. - -	0	12
Panis quad' de consimili Gilberti le Spencer, def. -	0	12
Panis quad' de consimili Willielmi de Kent, def. -	0	16
Panis ob' de coketto Hugonis de Toky, def. - -	3	6
Panis ob' de consimili Walteri de Burcestre, def. -	2	6
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi Broun junioris, def. -	4	6
Panis ob' de consimili Johannis de Horspathe, def. -	2	6
Panis ob' de consimili Aliciæ de Rufford, def. - -	2	6
Panis ob' de consimili Adæ de Tademertone, def. -	2	6
Panis ob' de consimili Edmundi de Rollendright, def. -	4	6
Panis ob' de clerm' Aliciæ de Rufford, def. - -	5	0
Panis ob' de consimili Hugonis Toky, def. - -	3	0
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi de Emyntone, def. -	5	0
Panis ob' de consimili Adæ de Tademertone, def. -	0	18
Panis ob' de consimili Johannis de Horspathe, def. -	4	0
Panis ob' de consimili Henrici de Neubotle, def. -	4	0
Panis ob' de consimili Roberti de Burcestre, def. -	4	4
Panis ob' de consimili Walteri de Burcestre, def. -	4	3
Panis ob' de integro Julianæ Edward, deficiens -	2	0
Panis denarr' de consimili Radulphi de Stokenechurche, def.	10	0
Panis ob' de omni blado Thomæ le Warde, def. -	12	0
Panis ob' de consimili Johannis de Thornburghe, def. -	2	0

Temptatio panis facta die Sabbati proxima ante festum Sancti Petri, quod dicitur ad vincla[h], anno regni regis Edwardi quinto, per sacramentum Johannis de Covele, Nigelli de Godwynestone, Roberti de la Bache, Thomæ Somer, Thomæ le Irmongere, et Willielmi de Puseye, juratorum: Qui dicunt, quod die Mercurii proxima præcedente, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur in mercato pro 6*s*. 4*d*.; secundi melioris pro 5*s*. 8*d*.; et tertii melioris pro 5*s*. 4*d*.

Panis quad' de wastello Johannis le Sawyer, deficiens in pon.	0	18
Panis ob' de coketto Willielmi Broun junioris, def. in pon.	3	0

Temptatio panis facta die Dominica proxima ante festum Sancti Bartholemæi Apostoli[i], anno regni regis Edwardi quinto, per sacramentum Johannis de Staundene, Ni-

[h] Aug. 1, 1311. [i] Aug. 24, 1311.

gelli de Godwynestone, Johannis Prest carnificis, Johannis Byshop, Johannis de Hampstede, et Johannis de Odyham, juratorum: Qui dicunt, quod die Mercurii proxima præcedente, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 5*s.*; secundi melioris pro 4*s.* 6*d.*; et tertii melioris pro 4*s.*

	s.	*d.*
Panis ob' de coketto Roberti de Burcestre, def. in pon. -	3	0
Panis ob' de consimili Walteri de Hereforde, def. -	0	12
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi Broun junioris, def. -	5	0

Temptatio panis facta die Veneris proxima post festum translationis Sancti Edwardi regis[k], anno prædicto, per sacramentum Thomæ de Moretone, Roberti de la Bache, Johannis atte Yate, Willielmi de Puseye, Gilberti de Westone, Willielmi atte More, Thomæ le Irmongere, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Martis proxima præcedente, melius frumentum se vendebatur pro 4*s.* 10*d.*; secundum melius pro 4*s.* 6*d.*; et tertium melius pro 4*s.* 2*d.*

In ista temptatione nullus invenitur defectus.

Temptatio panis facta die Martis in crastino animarum[l], anno regni regis Edwardi quinto, per sacramentum Thomæ Somer, Roberti de le Bache, Nigelli de Godwynestone, Thomæ de Mortone, Galfridi de Henx', Simonis de Wortone, et Johannis atte Yate, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Sabbati proxima præcedente, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 5*s.* 2*d.*; secundi melioris pro 4*s.* 8*d.*; et tertii melioris pro 4*s.* 4*d.*

Panis quad' de wastello Roberti le Walsshe de Wodestoke, deficiens in pondere - - - -	0	18
Panis quad' de consimili Ricardi Persun, def. in pon. -	0	12
Panis ob' de clerm' Willielmi Broun junioris, def. in pon. -	4	6
Panis ob' de integro Johannis de Brehulle, def. in pon. -	2	0

Temptatio cervisiæ facta die Veneris proxima post festum Omnium Sanctorum[m], anno prædicto, per sacramentum Thomæ Somer, Radulphi de Cockeswelle, Johannis de Staundene, Johannis Stene, Ricardi de Cosingtone, Roberti de Wyleby, Johannis de Staunforde parmentarii, Gilberti de

[k] Oct. 13, 1311. [l] Nov. 3, 1311.
[m] Nov. 1, 1311. The actual date of the transaction was Nov. 6.

Winchecoumbe, Johannis Le Ta——nd, Thomæ de Croydone, Willielmi de la More, et Gilberti de Westone, juratorum ad inquirendum super communi venditione bladi facti Oxon. duobus diebus mercati proximo præcedentibus, videlicet frumenti, ordei, et avenarum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod duobus diebus mercati prædictis, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 5*s.* 4*d.*; secundi melioris pro 4*s.* 8d.; et tertii melioris pro 4*s.* 4d.: quarterium vero melioris ordei pro 3*s.* 8*d.*; et secundi melioris pro 3*s.*: et quarterium mel, aven' pro 2*s.*, et alterius melioris pro 22*d.* Et secundum istam temptationem consideratum est quod brac, in Oxon. vendant ———— bonæ cervisiæ in cunis' pro ¾*d.*; et in doleo pro 1*d.* Et sic proclamatum.

Temptatio panis facta die Martis in festo Sancti Thomæ Apostoli[n], anno prædicto, per sacramentum Thomæ Somer, Johannis atte Yate, Thomæ le Irmongere, ————, Willielmi de la More, et Walteri de Swineshulle, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Sabbati proxima præcedente, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 5*s.* 4*d.*; secundi melioris pro 5*s.*; et tertii melioris pro 4*s.* 4*d.*

	s.	*d.*
Panis quad' de wastello Edithæ le Chapman, def. in pon. -	0	10
Panis quad' de consimili Roberti le Walshe, deficiens in bonitate et pondere - - -	0	10
Panis ob' de coketto Willielmi de Emyntone, def. -	2	0
Fecit finem pro 6*d.*		
Panis ob' de consimili Thomæ Godestre, def. - -	2	6
Fecit finem pro 12*d.*		
Et panis ob' de consimili Agnetis le Pypere, def. -	2	0

Ponderatio panis facta die Martis in festo Conversionis Sancti Pauli[o], anno prædicto, per sacramentum Ricardi de Mortone, Thomæ de Mortone, Ricardi de Edrope, Johannis de Gunwardeby, Willielmi de Puseye, Henrici de Edrope, Ricardi de Cosingtone, Johannis de Worthe, et Johannis de Covele, juratorum: Qui dicunt, quod die Sabbati proxima præcedente, melius frumentum se vendebatur pro 5*s.*; secundum melius pro 4*s.* 6*d.*; et tertium pro 4*s.*

In ista temptatione nullus invenitur defectus.

[n] Dec. 21, 1311. [o] Jan. 25, 1311-12.

Ponderatio panis, facta die Sabbati proxima ante festum Sancti Gregorii papæ[p], anno prædicto, per sacramentum Roberti de la Bache, Gilberti de Winchecombe, Thomæ le Iremongere, Johannis Stone, Henrici de Caumpedene, Gilberti de Westone, et Willielmi le Teynturer, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Mercurii proxima præcedente, melius frumentum se vendebatur pro 4*s.* 10*d.*; secundum melius pro 4*s.* 6*d.*; et tertium pro 4*s.* 4*d.*

	s.	*d.*
Panis quad' de simenello Radulphi de Witteneye, def. in pon.	2	6
Fecit finem pro 2*s.*		
——— de consimili Roberti de Bokinghame, def. - -	0	12
——— de clermat' Roberti de Bokinghame, def. - -	5	6
Fecit finem pro 12*d.*		
——— de consimili Hugonis de Bartone, def. - -	4	6

Ponderatio panis facta die Martis in festo Sancti Marcii Evangelistæ[q], anno prædicto, per sacramentum Thomæ de Mortone, Johannis de Wintone, Ricardi de Glouc', Johannis ——, Ricardi de Stratforde, Ricardi de Edrope, et Johannis Semere, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Sabbati proxima præcedente, melius frumentum se vendebatur pro 4*s.* 8*d.*; secundum pro 4*s.* 4*d.*; et tertium pro 4*s.*

Panis quad' de wastello Henrici Horn, deficiens in pondere	2	6
Panis quad' de consimili Johannis le Sawyer, def. -	0	8
Panis quad' de consimili Edithæ le Chapman, def. -	0	18
Panis quad' de consimili Johannis de Goseforde, def. -	0	18
Panis quad' de consimili Ricardi King, def. - -	2	0
Panis quad' de consimili Hugonis de Kent, def. -	2	6
Panis ob' de coketto Adæ de Tademertone, def. -	4	0
Panis ob' de consimili Willielmi de Chippenham, def. -	3	0
Panis ob' de clermat' Henrici de Stanlake, def. - -	2	6
Panis ob' de consimili Adæ de Tademertone, def. -	2	6
Abjuravit ministerium pistoris die Veneris proxima sequente per unum annum et unum diem.		
Panis ob' de consimili Radulphi de Witteneye, def. in pon.	6	0

Temptatio panis facta die Martis proxima post festum Sancti Augustini episcopi[r], anno prædicto, per sacramentum

[p] March 12, 1311-12. [q] April 25, 1312. [r] May 26, 1312.

Thomæ Somer, Roberti de la Bache, Thomæ de Mortone, Willielmi de Puseye, Johannis atte Yate, et Willielmi de la More, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Sabbati proxima præcedente, melius frumentum se vendebatur pro 4*s.* 8*d.*; secundum melius pro 4*s.* 4*d.*; et tertium pro 4*s.*

	s.	*d.*
Panis quad' de wastello Henrici Horn, deficiens in pondere	0	12
Panis quad' de consimili Roberti le Chapman, def. -	0	12
Panis quad' de consimili Johannis le Sawyer, def. -	0	12
Panis ob' de coketto Willielmi de Chippenham, def. -	4	0
Panis ob' de integro Julianæ Edward, def. - -	2	6

Anno Sexto.

Ponderatio panis facta die Sabbati proxima post festum Sancti Petri ad vincula[s], anno regni regis Edwardi sexto, per sacramentum Radulphi de Cockeswelle, Thomæ de Mortone, Johannis atte Yate, Ricardi de Stratford, Adæ de Tilhurst, et Johannis de Longoworthe, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Mercurii proxima præcedente, melius frumentum se vendebatur pro 5*s.*; secundum melius pro 4*s.* 6*d.*; et tertium melius pro 4*s.* 2*d.*

Panis quad' de wastello Roberti le Walshe ———		
Panis ob' de coketto Walteri de Eynesham, def. -	2	0

[t] Ponderatio panis facta die Sabbati in crastino Sancti Hugonis episcopi[u], anno regni regis Edwardi sexto, per sacramentum Thomæ Somer, Johannis atte Yate, Nigelli de Godwynestone, Ricardi de Edrope, Thomæ de Croydone, et Thomæ de Mortone, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Mercurii proxima præcedente, melius frumentum se vendebatur pro 4*s.* 10*d.*; secundum melius pro 4*s.* 6*d.*; et tertium melius pro 4*s.*

In ista temptatione nullus inventus fuit defectus.

Ponderatio panis facta die Sabbati in crastino Conceptionis beatæ Mariæ Virginis[x], anno prædicto, per sacramentum Thomæ Somer, Thomæ de Mortone, Roberti de la Bache, Johannis de Odiham, Ricardi de Edrope, Nigelli de God-

[s] Aug. 1, 1312.
[t] Rot. 4. Sexto septimo et octavo Ed. 2di.
[u] Nov. 17, 1312.
[x] Dec. 8, 1312.

wynestone, et Johannis de Colesburne, juratorum: Qui dicunt, quod die Mercurii proxima præcedente, melius frumentum se vendebatur pro 4*s.* 10*d.*; secundum melius pro 4*s.* 6*d.*; et tertium pro 4*s.* 2*d.*

	s.	*d.*
Panis ob' de coketto Johannis de Thomele, def. in pon. -	0	18

Temptatio cervisiæ facta die Lunæ proxima post festum Conceptionis beatæ Mariæ Virginis[y], anno regni regis Edwardi sexto, per sacramentum Adæ de Spalding, Thomæ Somer, Johannis Stone, Ricardi de Cosingtone, Willielmi de la More, Johannis le Taverner, Ricardi de Hethrop, Gilberti de Westone, Ricardi le Chapman, Willielmi de Stourtone, Johannis le Webbe, et Roberti de Puyntle, juratorum ad inquirendum et presentandum communem venditionem bladi duobus diebus mercati proximo precedentibus: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod duobus diebus mercati prædictis, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 4*s.* 10*d.*; secundi melioris pro 4*s.* 6*d.*; et tertii pro 4*s.* 2*d.*; quarterium melioris ordei se vendebatur pro 3*s.* 7*d.*; et alterius melioris pro 40*d.*; quarterium meliorum avenarum se vendebatur pro 2*s.* 6*d.*; et alterius melioris pro 2*s.* 4*d.*; et secundum istam temptationem consideratum est quod braciatores in Oxon. vendant lagenam bonæ cervisiæ in cunis pro $\frac{3}{4}$*d.* et in doleo pro 1*d.*; et non ulterius.

Ponderatio panis facta die Martis proxima ante festum Sancti Gregorii papæ[z], anno prædicto, per sacramentum Thomæ Somer, Johannis de Covele, Thomæ de Mortone, Roberti de la Bache, Johannis de Odyham, Ricardi de Glouc', Ricardi de Cosingtone, Ricardi de Edrope, Radulphi de Haille, Johannis de Wintone, Ricardi de Stratford, et Gilberti de Westone, juratorum: Qui dicunt quod die Sabbati proxima præcedente, melius quarterium frumenti se vendebatur pro 5*s.* 2*d.*; secundum pro 4*s.* 8*d.*; et tertium pro 4*s.* 6*d.*

Panis ob' de clerm' Willielmi de Wyghthulle, def.	([a] 12*d.*)	2	0
Panis ob' de integro Julianæ Edward, def.	([a] 18*d.*)	2	6

Ponderatio panis facta die Sabbati, in festo Sanctorum

[y] Dec. 8, 1312. The precise date of the transaction was Dec. 11.
[z] March 12, 1312-13. [a] This is the fine imposed.

Fabiani et Sebastiani[b], anno regni regis Edwardi sexto, per sacramento Ricardi de Mortone, Johannis atte Yate, Thomæ de Mortone, Ricardi de Uptone, Johannis de Odyham, et Ricardi de Stratforde, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum quod die Mercurii proxima præcedente, melius quarterium frumenti se vendebatur pro 5*s.*; secundum melius pro 4*s.* 6*d.*; et tertium pro 4*s.*

		s.	*d.*
Panis ob' de coketto Henrici de Ocle, deficiens in pondere		2	0
Panis ob' de clerm' Henrici de Ocle, def. - -		2	0
Panis ob' de integro Julianæ Edward, def. - -		5	0

Ponderatio panis facta die Lunæ proxima post festum Omnium Sanctorum[c], anno regni regis Edwardi septimo, per sacramentum Johannis atte Yate, Thomæ de Mortone, Thomæ le Irmongere, Johannis de Odiham, Nigelli de Glettone, et Willielmi le Teinturer, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Sabbati proxima præcedente, melius quarterium frumenti se vendebatur pro 5*s.* 6*d.*; secundum melius pro 5*s.*; et tertium pro 4*s.* 6*d.*

Panis ob' de coketto Walteri de Burncestre, def.	([d]12*d.*)	3	0
Panis ob' de consimili Henrici de Rollendright, def.	(6*d.*)	2	0
Panis ob' de consimili Johannis le Horspathe, def.	(12*d.*)	0	18
Panis ob' de clermat' Hugonis le Coupere, def.	(12*d.*)	2	6
Panis ob' de consimili Walteri de Burncestre, def.	sup.	2	0

Ponderatio panis facta die Jovis, in Vigilia Sancti Andreæ Apostoli[e], anno regni regis Edwardi septimo per sacramentum Thomæ de Mortone, Thomæ le Irmongere, Adæ de Dentone, Radulphi de ———, Johannis de Coumbe, et Walteri de Swynshulle, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Sabbati proxima præcedente, melius quarterium frumenti se vendebatur pro 5*s.* 6*d.*; secundum melius pro 4*s.* 8*d.*; et tertium pro 4*s.* 2*d.*

In ista temptatione nullus inventus fuit in defectu.

Temptatio cervisiæ facta die Veneris, in festo Sancti Andreæ Apostoli[e], anno regni regis Edwardi septimo, per sacramentum Thomæ Somer, Adæ de Spaldinge, Ricardi de

[b] Jan. 20, 1312-13.

[c] Nov. 1, 1313. The prices of this date are, by error, omitted in page 14.

[d] These are fines. [e] Nov. 30, 1313.

Uptone, Johannis de Wintone, Ricardi de Cosingtone, Ricardi de Hethrop, Johannis Byshop, Gilberti de Westone, Thomæ de Croydone, Willielmi Pope, —— et Adæ de Dentone, juratorum ad inquirendum super venditione bladi in duobus diebus mercati proximo præcedentibus venditi in Oxon. scilicet, frumenti, ordei, et avenarum: Qui præsentant per sacramentum suum, quod duobus diebus mercati prædictis, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 5*s.* 6*d.*; secundi melioris pro 5*s.*; et tertii pro 4*s.* 6*d.*; quarterium vero melioris ————; et alterius melioris pro 40*d.*; et quarterium avenarum pro 32*d.*; et secundum istam temptationem consideratum est quod braciatores vendant lagenam bonæ cervisiæ in ———— ob' quad', et in doleo pro 1*d.* Et sic proclamatum.

Ponderatio panis facta die Sabbati in crastino Sancti Thomæ Apostoli[e], anno regni regis Edwardi septimo, per sacramentum Willielmi de Puseye, Johannis atte Yate, Thomæ de ——, Thomæ Somer, Adæ de Dentone, et Thomæ le Irmongere, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Mercurii proxima præcedente, melius quarterium frumenti se vendebatur pro 5*s.* 6*d.*; ———— melius pro 5*s.*; et tertium pro 4*s.* 6*d.*

	s.	*d.*
Panis ob' de clerm' Matill' de Thomele, def. in pon. (2*s.*)	6	0
Panis ob' de tract'[f] Ricardi de Tiwe de parochia Omnium Sanctorum, deficiens in pondere - -	13	6

Postea per sacramentum Roberti ——, Roberti le Gryndere, Walteri le Mareschal, Thomæ Pouk, Nigelli de Westone, Thomæ le Irmongere, Thomæ de ——, et Johannis de la More, juratorum, in quos Ricardus de Tiwe del Huth posuit se coram custodibus hujus assisæ, et magistro solvit ———— assizæ ex parte universitatis et aliis fide dignis compertum est, quod panis prædictus, qui prius intitulatur sub nomine Ricardi de Tiwe, fuerat panis Ricardi —— —— Sanctorum pistoris, et non Ricardi de Tiwe del Huth. Ideo ipse Ricardus del Huth inde quietus.

Ponderatio panis facta die Sabbati proxima ante festum

[e] Dec. 21, 1313.

[f] This may possibly be the same as the panis de teett, or treet, mentioned in pp. 49 and 86.

Sancti Hillarii[f], anno regni regis Edwardi septimo, per sacramentum Thomæ de Mortone, Ricardi de Stoforde, Roberti ———, Nigelli de Glettone, Willielmi le Teinturer, et Willielmi de la More, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Mercurii proxima præcedente, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 5*s.* 6*d.*; secundi melioris pro 5*s.*; et tertii melioris pro 4*s.* 6*d.*

In ista temptatione nullus invenitur defectus.

Ponderatio panis facta die Sabbati proxima ante festum Sancti Georgii martyris[g], anno regni regis Edwardi septimo, per sacramentum Adæ de Tilhurst, Johannis ———, ——— le Grasier, Nigelli de Glettone, Adæ de Dentone, et Willielmi de Wodestoke, Adæ de Dentone, Willielmi de la More, Johannis atte Yate, ——— burne, Johannis de Wintone, et Ricardi de Cosingtone, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Mercurii proxima præcedente, melius frumentum se vendebatur ———; secundum melius pro 5*s.*; et tertium pro 4*s.* 6*d.*

		s.	*d.*
Panis ob de clerm' Thomæ de Hasele, def. in pon.	(6*d.*)	2	0

Ponderatio panis facta die Sabbati proxima post festum translationis Sancti Thomæ Martyris[h], anno regni regis Edwardi octavo, per sacramentum Roberti de la Bache, ——— ———, Thomæ le Irmongere, Johannis de Odyham, Nigelli de Glettone, et Willielmi de la More, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die ——— ———, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro dimar; secundi melioris pro 6*s.* 4*d.*; et tertii pro 6*s.*

Nullus fuit defectus in pane in temptatione ista.

Ponderatio panis facta die Sabbati, in festo Sancti Laurentii martyris[i], anno regni regis Edwardi octavo, per sacramentum Johannis de Perschore, Thomæ de Mortone, ——— ———, Nigelli de Glettone, Willielmi de la More, et Gilberti de Westone, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum

[f] Jan. 13, 1313-14. [g] April 23, 1314.

[h] July 7, 1314. In page 15, the prices of this date are, by error, referred to Aug. 10, and those properly belonging to Aug. 10. are omitted altogether.

[i] Aug. 10, 1314.

suum, quod die Mercurii proxima præcedente, quarterium melioris frumenti ———— 2*d.*; secundi melioris pro 6*s.* 8*d.*; et tertii pro 6*s.*

		s.	*d.*
Panis ob' de coketto Adæ de Wareberghe, def. in pon.	(6*d.*)	2	6
Panis ob' de coketto Radulphi de Stokenchurche, def.		5	6
Fecit finem pro 12*d.*			
Panis de integro denarr' Ricardi de Tiwe, def.	(12*d.*)	5	6

Ponderatio panis facta die Veneris in Vigilia exaltationis sanctæ crucis[k], anno regni regis Edwardi octavo, per sacramentum Thomæ Somer, Ricardi de Mortone, Johannis ——— le Irmongere, Ricardi de Uptone, et Nigelli de Glettone, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Mercurii proxima præcedente, quarterium melioris frumenti ————; secundi melioris pro 5*s.* 6*d.*; et tertii pro 5*s.*

Panis ob' de integro Johannis de Westone, def. in pon.	(2*s.*)	10	0
Panis ob' de omnibus Roberti filii Henrici le Gaoler, def.		11	0
Adjudicatur pilloriæ, et habuit judicium ——— Sanctæ Frideswide hoc anno.			

Ponderatio panis facta die Sabbati proxima ante festum translationis Sancti Edwardi regis[l], anno regni regis Edwardi octavo, per sacramentum Roberti de la Bache, ——— Radulphi de Hailles, Johannis Prest, Willielmi le Teinturer, et Johannis de Coumbe, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Mercurii proxima præcedente, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 6*s.* 8*d.*; secundi melioris pro 6*s.*; et tertii pro 5*s.* 4*d.*

Panis ob' de coketto Henrici de Rollendright, def. in pon.		3	6
Panis ob' de consimili Johannis de Leye, def.	(12*d.*)	3	0
Panis ob' de consimili Walteri de Hereford, def.	(6*d.*)	2	0

Temptatio cervisiæ facta die Veneris proxima ante festum Sancti Martini[m], anno regni regis Edwardi octavo, per sacramentum Ricardi de Hethrop, Ricardi de Uptone, Johannis de Staundene, Willielmi de la More, Stephani de Adintone, Johannis de Odyham, Johannis Bat', Gilberti de Westone, Thomæ le Irmongere, Thomæ Somer, Ricardi ——— de He-

[k] Sept. 14, 1314. [l] Oct. 13, 1314. [m] Nov. 11, 1314.

dindone, et Johannis de Berkele, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Martis proxima præcedente, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 7*s.*; secundi melioris pro 6*s.* 6*d.*; et tertii pro 6*s.*; quarterium melioris ordei pro 4*s.* 4*d.*; secundi melioris pro 4*s.*; et quarterium avenarum pro 3*s.*

Ponderatio panis facta die Sabbati proxima post festum Sancti Ambrosii[n], anno regni regis Edwardi octavo, per sacramentum Thomæ Somer, Johannis de Odyham, Johannis atte Yate, Thomæ le Iremongere, Willielmi de Puseye, Ricardi de Uptone, Willielmi de la More, et Adæ de Dentone: Qui dicunt, quod die Mercurii proxima præcedente, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 7*s.* 6*d.*; secundi melioris pro 7*s.*; et tertii pro 6*s.* 6*d.*

[n] April 4, 1315. This year is usually considered to have been a year of great scarcity. Thomas de Walsingham, in his History, has the following passage relating to it: "Hoc anno in crastino purificationis, (Feb. 3, 1315,) convenerunt ad parliamentum Londiniis universi pene regni prælati, cum proceribus et communibus, ad tractandum de statu regni, et alleviatione precii rerum venalium, quæ modo tam cara facta fuerant, ut vix posset vivere plebs communis. Ordinatum est igitur, ut melior bos venalis, crassus, de grano non pastus, vendatur de cætero pro sexdecim solidis, et si de grano pastus fuerit et sit crassus, pro viginti quatuor solidis ad plus vendatur: vacca melior viva et crassa pro duodecim solidis: quilibet porcus duorum annorum crassus vendatur pro iii solidis iiii*d.* Multo tonsus crassus pro quatuordecim denariis. Multo lanatus crassus vendatur pro viginti denariis: anca crassa pro duobus denariis et obolo: capo bonus pro duobus denariis: gallina bona pro uno denario: columbellæ quatuor pro uno denario." It is observable, that in this list living things only are mentioned; and the mandate for proclaiming these prices at Oxford, addressed to the chancellor and proctors, which is still extant, mentions only the same articles, with the single addition of eggs, which are directed to be sold 24 for a penny. The complaint also of the parliament was limited in the same manner, as appears from the preamble to the mandate, which is expressed in the following terms: "Edwardus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitaniæ, cancellario et procuratoribus universitatis Oxon. salutem. Querelam archiepiscoporum, comitum, baronum, et aliorum de communitate dicti regni, per petitionem suam coram nobis et consilio nostro exhibitam, recipimus, continentem quod de bobus, vaccis, multonibus, porcis, ancis, gaulinis, caponibus, et ovis, magna et quasi intolerabilis est carisia hiis diebus, in ipsorum et omnium aliorum infra idem regnum degentium damnum non modicum et gravamen, propter quod nobis cum instancia supplicaverunt ut super hoc curaremus de congruo remedio providere. Nos igitur, &c." The writ concludes, "Teste meipso apud Wyndesore primo die Aprilis, anno regni nostri octavo." The scarcity of grain did not commence till afterwards.

		s.	d.
Panis quad' de wastello Ricardi Persun de Wodestoke, def.		0	6
Panis quad' de eodem Gilberti Lyon de Wodestoke, def.	(12*d.*)	2	0
Panis quad' de eodem Willielmi Loverich, def.	(6*d.*)	0	12
Panis quad' de eodem Willielmi de Kent, def.	(6*d.*)	0	12
Panis quad' de eodem Hugonis de Kent, deficiens	-	0	6
Panis quad' de eodem Thomæ King, def. -	-	0	6
Panis quad' de eodem Ricardi King, def. -	-	0	6
Panis quad' de eodem Henrici Horn, def. -	-	0	6
Panis quad' de eodem Thomæ le Sawyer, def.	-	0	6
Panis ob' de coketto Johannis Prest, def. -	-	5	0
Panis ob' de eodem Willielmi de Wyghthulle, def.	-	4	0
Panis ob' de eodem Gilberti de Shipford, def.	-	0	12
Panis ob' de eodem Henrici de Neubotle, def.		0	12
Panis ob' de clermat' Willielmi de Wyghthulle, def.	-	3	6
Panis ob' de integro Johannis de Westone, def.	-	5	0
Panis denarr' de integro Walteri de Middeleye, def.	-	6	0
Panis denarr' de eodem Agnetis atte Huthe, def.	-	2	6
Panis ob' de omni blado Johannis de Westone, def.	-	3	0
Panis denarr' de eodem Stephani de Stoford, def.	-	3	0

Ponderatio panis facta die Sabbati proxima ante festum nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ[o], anno regni regis Edwardi octavo, per sacramentum Thomæ Somer, Thomæ le Irmongere, Johannis atte Yate, Nicholai le Mercere, Ricardi de Cosingtone, et Roberti de la Bache: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod die Mercurii proxima præcedente, quarterium melioris frumenti se vendebatur pro 8*s.*; secundi melioris pro 7*s.* 6*d.*; et tertii pro 7*s.*

Panis ob' de coketto Thomæ de Southlege, def. in pon.	(3*d.*)	0	18
Panis ob' de eodem Nioholai de Westone, def.	(3*d.*)	0	18
Panis ob' de eodem Thomæ de Stauntone, def.	(2*d.*)	0	18
Panis ob' de eodem Gilberti de Schiptone, def.	(2*d.*)	0	12
Panis ob' de eodem Willielmi de Wighthulle, def.	(2*d.*)	0	12
Panis ob' de eodem Johannis de Horspathe, def.	(2*d.*)	0	12
Panis ob' de clerm' Willielmi de Wyghthulle, def.	(12*d.*)	3	0
Panis ob' de eodem Cetche de Witteneye, def.	(6*d.*)	2	6
Panis ob' de eodem Henrici de Witteneye, def.	(12*d.*)	3	0

[p]Temptatio panis facta apud Oxon. 3 Id. April.[q] coram

[o] June 24, 1315.

[p] Rot. 5. Decimo septimo Edwardi secundi.

[q] April 11, 1324.

Domino Henrico Gower, cancellario universitatis Oxon. et Roberto de Watlingtone Maiore ejusdem villæ, anno regni regis Edwardi, filii regis Edwardi, decimo septimo, custodibus assisæ panis et cervisiæ in villa supradicta, et ejus suburbiis, virtute cujusdam commissionis domini regis in hac verba: "Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux "Aquitaniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint "salutem: Sciatis quod commisimus Cancellario Universi-"tatis Oxon. et Maiori ejusdem villæ, qui pro tempore fue-"rint, custodiam panis et cervisiæ in villa prædicta et subur-"biis ejusdem, habendam quamdiu nobis placuerit: red-"dendo modo nobis per annum ad scaccarum nostrum cen-"tum solidos, unam videlicet medietatem ad scaccarum "nostrum Pascha, et aliam medietatem ad scaccarum no-"strum Sancti Michaelis, per æquales portiones, quamdiu "custodiam habuerint supradictam. In cujus rei testimo-"nium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes, teste me ipso "apud Westm decimo sexto die Martii, anno regni nostri "decimo septimo." per sacramentum Willielmi Lirmongere, Thomæ de Curtlyngtone, Johannis de Odyham, Thomæ Lirmongere, Roberti le Marchal, Willielmi de la More, Petri de Ew, Thomæ Somer, Ricardi de Overhe, Willielmi de Puseye, Ricardi de Wyndesor, Johannis de Westone, juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod ultimo die mercati, quarterium melioris frumenti valebat di. mar., quarterium vero secundi 6*s.*; quarterium vero tertii 5*s.* 6*d.* Assisa facta est super 6*s.*

	s.	*d.*	*d.*
Thomas le Kyng habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def. in pon.	0	6	(3)
Idem Thomas habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	13	(3)
Reginaldus Rodere habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	2	0	(6)
Johannes de Burcestre habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	3	
Robertus le Chapman habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	15	(3)
Willielmus de Greneworthe habet 1 panem de ob', et def. - - - -	2	6	(6)
Willielmus de Hasele habet 1 panem integrum de frumento de ob', et def. - - -	4	0	(12)

Temptatio panis facta die Jovis tertio die Maii[r], anno præ-

[r] May 3, 1324.

dicto, per sacramentum Henrici de Bedeford, Willielmi de Ottele, Roberti le Marechal, et Thomæ de Curtlyngtone, Alani de Hetone, Willielmi Lirmongere, Thomæ Chicchele, Johannis de Aumbresbury, Walteri de Miltone, Nigelli de Godwynestone, Walteri le Tanner, et Willielmi de Puseye: Qui dicunt per sacramentum eorum, quod die Sabbati proximo præcedente, quarterium melioris frumenti vendebatur pro 6*s.* 8*d.*; secundum melius pro 6*s.*; et tertium pro 5*s.* 6*d.*

	s.	*d.*	*d.*
Thomas de Goseford habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	2	6	(6)
Idem Thomas habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def. in pon.	0	18	
Cloke de Wodestoke habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	18	(6)
Cloke de Wodestoke habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	7	
Cloke de Wodestoke habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	12	
Cloke de Wodestoke habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	10	
Thomas de Goseford habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	12	
Johannes Kyng habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	9	(2)
Willielmus Leiericke habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	3	
Simon Wilekyn habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	6	
Alicia Hichcoke habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	6	
Ricardus de Warborge habet 1 panem de coketto de ob', et def. - - - -	0	9	
Gilbertus de Shuptone habet 1 panem de coketto de ob', et def. - - - -	0	15	(4)
Idem Gilbertus habet 1 panem de coketto de ob', et def.	0	6	
Johannes Coket habet 1 panem de coketto de ob', et def.	0	6	
Idem Johannes habet 1 panem de coketto de ob', et def.	0	21	(6)
Johannes de Stangrave habet 1 panem de coketto de ob', et def. - - - -	0	18	(3)
Gilbertus de Shuptone habet 1 panem de coketto de ob', et def. - - - -	0	12	
Robertus le Chepman habet 1 panem de wastello de quad', et def. - - -	0	3	
Agnes Hichecoke habet 1 panem de wastello et de quad', et def. - - - -	0	6	
Ricardus Leveriche habet 1 panem de wastello de quad', et def. - - - -	0	3	
Johannes Pachet habet 1 panem de wastello de quad', et def. - - - -	0	3	
Idem Johannes habet 1 panem de wastello de quad', et def.	0	3	
Johannes Coket habet 1 panem de clermatyn de ob', et def.	0	12	(2)

Temptatio cervisiæ facta apud Oxon. coram prædictis custodibus, die Veneris in crastino inventionis sanctæ crucis[s], anno prædicto, per sacramentum Thomæ Somer, Thomæ de Curtlyntone, Johannis de Islop, Ricardi Giaslere, Willielmi Bagard, Willielmi Lirmongere, Willielmi de Suttone, Walteri de Warborghe, Ricardi de Warberge, Johannis de Wytteneye, Johannis Lavendrye, et Walteri Taverner: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod quarterium melioris frumenti vendebatur ultimo die mercati, pro di. mar.; et quarterium melioris ordei pro 4*s.*; et quarterium avenarum pro 2*s.* 4*d.*; summa 13*s.* Ideo consideratum est quod lagena melioris cervisiæ ———— pro 1*d.*

Temptatio panis facta die Sabbati proxima post festum inventionis sanctæ crucis[t], anno prædicto.

	s.	*d.*	*d.*
Johannes de Goseford habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	2	3	(2)
Agnes la Chapman habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	16	(3)
Robertus le Chapman habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	6	

Temptatio panis facta coram prædictis custodibus die Lunæ proxima ante festum Sancti Johannis, ante portam Latinam[u], anno prædicto, per sacramentum Roberti le Marchal, Galfridi Saun, Johannis de Odyham, Ricardi de Wyndsores, Walteri Taverner, Ricardi Overhe, Nigelli de Godwynstone, Ricardi de Suttone, Thomæ de Londone, Johannis de Broghtune, Johannis Waget, et Johannis de Hadenham: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod quarterium melioris frumenti vendebatur ultimo die mercati, pro 6*s.* 10*d.*; quarterium vero secundi 6*s.*; quarterium vero tertii pro 5*s.* 6*d.*

Johannes Pache habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	9	
Johannes Horn habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	9	
Reginaldus Hette habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	15	(3)
Henricus le Neuman habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	15	(3)
Agnes la Chapman habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	2	0	(6)
Johannes de Goseford habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	12	(3)
Ricardus de Warborghe habet 1 panem de clermatyn de ob', et def. - - - -	0	15	
Adam de Tilhurst habet 1 panem de coketto de ob', et deficit in pondere - - -	0	15	(3)

[s] May 3, 1324. [t] May 3, 1324. [u] May 6, 1324.

	s.	d.	d.
Walterus de Middele habet 1 panem de omni genere bladi, et deficit in pondere - - -	2	6	(6)

Temptatio panis facta coram præfatis custodibus, die Sabbati proxima ante festum Petronillæ[x], anno prædicto, per sacramentum Johannis de Ew, Willielmi atte More, Willielmi de Ottele, Alani de Hetone, Ricardi de Edrop, Radulphi de Erdyntone, Willielmi Lirmongere, Johannis de Odyham, Thomæ Chicchele, Johannis de Hadenham, Johannis de Westone, et Ricardi de Wyndesore: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod quarterium melioris frumenti vendebatur ultimo die mercati, pro 6*s.* 8*d.*; quarterium vero secundi pro 6*s.*; quarterium vero tertii pro 5*s.* 6*d.*

Robertus le Chapman habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	6	
Reginaldus Fisik habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	6	
Willielmus dè Kent habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	6	
Gilbertus de Lyonn habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	6	
Robertus de Newentone habet 1 clermatyn de ob', et def.	0	21	(4)

Temptatio panis facta coram præfatis custodibus, die Martis proxima ante festum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli[y], anno prædicto, per sacramentum Thomæ de Curtlyntone, Johannis de Wytteneye, Alani de Hetone, Johannis de Staundene, Walteri de Miltone, Willielmi de la More, Ricardi de Wyndesore, Radulphi de Erdyntone, Johannis de Odyham, Ricardi de Stauntone, Thomæ Chicchele, et Johannis Aumbresbury: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod quarterium melioris frumenti vendebatur ultimo die mercati, pro 7*s.* 4*d.*; quarterium vero secundi 6*s.* 8*d.*; quarterium vero tertii pro 6*s.*

Temptatio panis facta die Sabbati proxima post festum translationis Sancti Thomæ martyris[z], anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi decimo octavo, per sacramentum Johannis de Ew, Johannis de Aumbresbury, Thomæ Chichele, Henrici de Bedeforde, Johannis de Westone, Johannis de Merstone, Johannis Waget, Johannis le Mareschal, Willielmi de Suttone, Roberti Trulane, Ricardi de Sut-

[x] May 31, 1324. [y] June 29, 1324.

[z] July 7, 1324. This and the following date had not been ascertained when the first sheet was printed.

tone, et Johannis Colesburne: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod quarterium melioris frumenti vendebatur ultimo die mercati pro *6s. 8d.*; et secundum melius pro *6s.*; tertium melius pro *5s. 6d.*

	s.	*d.*	*d.*
Reginaldus Hickes habet 1 panem de quad' de wastello, et deficit in pondere - - -	3	3	
Johannes Sawere habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	18	(3)
Johannes Pacche habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	2	6	(6)
Hugo Kyng habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def. -	2	9	
Johannes de Goseford habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	2	0	(4)
Robertus Chapman habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	18	(3)
Alicia filia Ricardi Kyng habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	2	3	(4)
Henricus Batte habet 1 panem de coketto de ob', et def.	2	0	(4)
Willielmus de Gretteworthe habet 1 panem de coketto de ob', et def. - - - -	0	18	(3)
Robertus de Leye habet 1 panem de ob' de coketto, et def.	0	16	(2)
Willielmus de Emyntone habet 1 clermatyn de ob', et def.	0	18	(2)
Adam de Tylhurst habet 1 clermatyn de ob', et def.	0	18	(3)

Temptatio panis facta die Lunæ proxima sequente, per temptationem prædictam et appreciationem.

Johannes Pache habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	2	0	(4)
Thomas Kyng habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def. -	2	0	(4)
Agnes Chapman habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	18	(3)
Reginaldus Fisyk habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	2	0	(4)
Johannes Broun habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	2	0	(4)
Gilbertus Lyon habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	2	6	(6)
Isabella Hickes habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	0	12	(2)
Henricus Neuman habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def.	2	3	(4)
Alicia Kyng habet 1 wastell' de quad', et def. -	2	0	(4)

Willielmus de Whatele,
Ricardus de Edrope,
Petrus de Ew,
Radulphus de Erdyntone, } Jur. Summa 14*s.*

[1] Temptatio panis facta die Veneris proxima post festum Sancti Dionysii[a], anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi

[1] Rot. 8. [a] Oct. 9, 1325.

decimo nono, coram Domino Henrico Gower, Cancellario Oxon. et Willielmo de ——, Maiore, per sacramentum Thomæ Lyrmongere, Willielmi de Ottele ——, de Odyham, Ricardi de Wyndesore, Willielmi de Strykeland, Willielmi atte More, Adæ de Northerne, Henrici de Medefo —, Johannis de Westone, Roberti le Marchal, Ricardi de Suttone, Johannis le Marchal: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod ultimo die mercati quarterium melioris frumenti vendebatur pro 5*s.* 8*d.*; secundi melioris pro 5*s.* 4*d.*; et tertii melioris pro 5*s.*

	s.	*d.*
(4*d.*) Panis wastell' Johannis Page de quad', deficit in pondere	0	21
(4*d.*) Panis wastel' Simonis Wilkins de quad', def. -	0	21
(2*d.*) Panis wastel' Roberti Broun de quad', def. -	0	12
(2*d.*) Panis wastel' Gilberti Lyon de quad', def. -	0	12
Panis wastell' Johannis de Gosenord de quad', def.	——	
(6*d.*) Panis wastell' Dionis Kynges de quad', def. -	2	0
(4*d.*) Panis cokett' Walteri de Quenyntone de ob', def. -	——	
(Jud.) Panis integer de frumento minoris pretii Agathæ Roulandright de ob', def. - - -	7	0
(Jud.) Panis integer de frumento Simonis Kynt de ob', def.	6	0

Temptatio panis facta die Sabbati proxima ante festum Sancti Martini, coram custodibus supradictis, anno[b] supradicto, per sacramentum Thomæ Lyrmongere, Willielmi Lyrmongere, Gilberti le Furbur, Johannis de Odyham, Roberti le Marchall, Thomæ de Curtlyntone, Willielmi le Mercer, Thomæ Somer, Willielmi Strikeland, Willielmi de Ottele, Ricardi de Wyndesore, et Radulphi de Erdentone: Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod ultimo die mercati quarterium melioris frumenti vendebatur pro 6*s.*; secundi melioris pro 5*s.* 6*d.*; tertii melioris 5*s.*

Panis de cokett' Johannis de Hinkele, de ob' def.	Finis 2*s.*	0	15
Panis de coket' Henrici Botte, de ob' def. -	(4*d.*)	0	18
Panis de coket' Ricardi Leyk, de ob' def. -	(6*d.*)	0	6
Panis tusseyn[c] Johannis de Hales, de ob' def. -		0	18
Panis de omni genere bladi Henrici de Witteneye, de ob' def.		4	0

[b] Nov. 11, 1325.

[c] "Pistores vendentes panem vocat, Tuteseyn (h. e. panem furfuraceum vel

Temptatio panis facta die Sabbati in festo Sancti Clementis, coram custodibus supradictis, anno[d] supradicto, per sacramentum Lyrmongere, Johannis le ———, ——— de Erdyntone, Ricardi de Wyndesore, Thomæ de Curtlyntone, Willielmi de Ottele, Willielmi le Mercer, Alani de Hetone, ———, Ricardi de Edrope, Roberti le Marchall, et Willielmi de la More: Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod ultimo die mercati quarterium melioris frumenti vendebatur pro 5*s*. 10*d*.; secundi melioris pro 5*s*. 6*d*.; tertii melioris pro 5*s*.

	s.	*d*.
(6*d*.) Panis de wastello Gilberti Lyon, de quad' deficiens in pondere - - - -	0	15
(2*d*.) Panis de coket' Johannis de Leghe, de ob' def.	0	6
(2*d*.) Panis clermatyn Nicholai le Marchal, de ob' def.	0	6
Panis integer de frumento Roberti —— de ob' def.	6	0

Passus est judicium die Sabbati in festo Sancti Pauli, per considerationem custodum infra scriptorum.

Temptatio panis facta die Martis proxima post festum Sancti Andreæ Apostoli anno[e] supradicto coram custodibus supradictis ——— &c. frumenti vendebatur pro 5*s*. 8*d*.; quarterium frumenti secundi melioris pro 5*s*. 4*d*.; quarterium tertii melioris ———.

(2*d*.) Panis de coket' Thomæ de Godestre, de ob' def.	——
(4*d*.) Panis de coket' Willielmi de Westone, de ob' def.	——
(4*d*.) Panis integro de frumento, Radulphi de Stokenchurche, de ob' def. - - - -	——
(8*d*.) Panis de omni genere bladi Thomæ de Covele de ob' def.	——

Temptatio panis facta die Martis in festo Sancti Vincencii,

"atrum) stabunt inter shopam quam Nicolaus le Spycer jam tenet, et tenemen-"tum quod Johan. Conyntroyer tenet." *Ordinance of the date of* 1319, *respecting the Oxford market, quoted in Wood's Antiquities of Oxford, p.* 158. The mention of this kind of bread occurs more frequently in some rolls of the date of the 11th and 12th of Edw. 3. where the word is spelt promiscuously, *tusseyn*, *toyseyn*, and *tonseyn*. The rolls of the 11th and 12th of Edw. 3. contain only the accounts of the defaulters, without the prices of corn. In those rolls a single instance occurs where *panis de treyt* is mentioned.

[d] Nov. 23, 1325. [e] Nov. 30, 1325.

anno[e] regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi decimo nono, per sacramentum Thomæ Lirmongere, Willielmi Lirmongere, Ricardi de Gloucestre, Radulphi de Erdyntone, Willielmi le Mercer, Thomæ de Curtlyntone, Roberti le Marchal, Willielmi de Ottele, Willielmi de Strikelond, Ricardi de Climehulle, et Adæ de Romyntone: Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod ultimo die mercati quarterium melioris frumenti vendebatur pro 5*s.* 4*d.*; secundi melioris pro 5*s.*; tertii melioris pro 4*s.* 8*d.*[f]

Temptatio panis facta die Sabbati proxima post festum Sancti Valentini[g], anno supradicto, Willielmi le Irmongere, Thomæ Lirmongere, Johannis Wachet, Radulphi de Erdyntone, Willielmi de Ottele, Willielmi Striklond, Willielmi Mercer, Thomæ de Curtlyntone, Adæ de Remynton, Roberti Marchal, Ricardi de Edrope, et Walteri Mercer: Qui dicunt quod ultimo die mercati quarterium melioris frumenti vendebatur pro 5*s.* 4*d.*; secundi pro 5*s.*; tertii pro 4*s.* 6*d.*

Temptatio panis facta die Veneris proxima ante festum Sancti David[h], coram custodibus supradictis, anno supradicto, per sacramentum Johannis de Odyham, Willielmi Lirmongere, Ricardi de Wyndesore, Johannis de Westone, Radulphi de Erdyntone, Willielmi de ——, Willielmi le Mercer, Adæ de Remyntone, Roberti le Marchal, Walteri le Mercer, et Johannis Wachet: Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod ultimo die mercati quarterium melioris frumenti vendebatur pro 5*s.*; secundi melioris pro 4*s.* 6*d.*; tertii melioris 4*s.*

Temptatio panis facta die Martis proxima ante festum Apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi[i], anno regni regis Edwardi decimo nono, per sacramentum Thomæ Lirmongere, Gilberti le Furber, Johannis Wachet, Willielmi de Ottele, Johannis de Coryngham, Willielmi Strikelond, Roberti le Marchal, Adæ de Renyntone, Walteri le Mercer, Galfridi Skot, et Radulphi de Thornhawe: Qui dicunt super sacramentum

[e] January 22, 1325-6.

[f] The writing in this part gets very bad, and after the examples which have been given, it has not been thought necessary to copy the lists of defaulters any further.

[g] Feb. 14, 1325-6. [h] March 1, 1325-6. [i] May 1, 1326.

suum, quod ultimo die mercati quarterium melioris frumenti vendebatur pro 5*s.*; secundi melioris pro 4*s.* 8*d.*; tertii melioris pro 4*s.* 4*d.*

Nullus[k] erant defectus eodem die.

Temptatio panis facta die Mercurii proxima post festum Sancti Augustini[l], anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi decimo nono, per sacramentum Johannis de Odyham, Willielmi Lirmongere, Ricardi de Wyndesore, Johann isde Westone, Willielmi de Strikelond, Roberti le Marchal, Walteri de Lynorde, Johannis de Broghtone, Willielmi de Ottele, et Thomæ de Curtlyntone: Qui dicunt quod ultimo die mercati quarterium melioris frumenti vendebatur pro 5*s.*; secundi melioris pro 4*s.* 8*d.*; et tertii melioris pro 4*s.* 4*d.*

[m]*Tempore Johannis de Dokelingtone, anno regni regis Edwardi, tertii post conquestum, primo.*

Temptatio panis facta die Mercurii, quarto die Martii[n], anno regni regis prædicti primo, per sacramentum Roberti Marchal, Walteri Mercer, Johannis Broghtone, Johannis de C———, Johannis de Odeham, Johannis de Weston, [o]Johannis de Westone, Johannis Waget, Willielmi de Ottele, Nicholai de Glettone, Ricardi de Eynesham, Rogeri Pyrrun, et Johannis de Whasshtone: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod ultimo die mercati quarterium melioris frumenti vendebatur pro 4*s.* 4*d.*; secundi melioris pro 4*s.*; et tertii melioris pro 3*s.* 6*d.*

Temptatio panis facta die Jovis in festo Sancti Gregorii[p], anno supradicto, per sacramentum Thomæ Lirmongere, Willielmi Lirmongere, Johannis de Westone, Willielmi Strikelond, Thomæ de Curtlyntone, Roberti le Marchal, Willielmi de Lifford, Johannis de Broghtone, Adæ de Remyntone, Ricardi de Kirketone, Ricardi Wenge, Johannis le Coke: Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod quarterium melioris frumenti, secundi, tertii, vendebatur ultimo die mercati, sicut die temptationis supradictæ.

[k] Sic. [l] May 26, 1326. [m] Rot. 10.

[n] March 4, 1327. In page 15, in the Table deduced from these records, the prices for the 1st year of Edward III. are erroneously referred to 1328 instead of 1327. [o] Sic. [p] March 12, 1327.

Temptatio panis facta die Sabbati proxima ante festum Sancti Dunstani[q], anno prædicto, per sacramentum Willielmi Strikelond, Thomæ de Curtlyntone, Adæ de Rimyntone, Galfridi Scot, Johannis le Vyneter, Willielmi Cogges, Johannis le Coke, Thomæ de Chiselhamptone, Walteri de Lifford, Johannis de Broghtone, Radulphi de Thornhaghe, et Ricardi de Churchulle: Qui dicunt quod quarterium melioris frumenti vendebatur ultimo die mercati pro 3*s.* 6*d.*; secundi pro 3*s.* 4*d.*; tertii pro 2*s.* 2*d.*[r]

	s.	*d.*
Walterus de Sunsterre habet 1 payn demayn bastard, et def.	0	14
Ric. Godandsayr habet 1 cockett' de ob', et def. in pond.	2	9
Walt. de Sensterre habet 1 panem trayt de ob', et def. in pon.	0	38

Temptatio panis facta die Sabbati proxima post festum Sancti Barnabæ Apostoli[s], anno prædicto, per sacramentum Walteri de Lifford, Johannis de Broghtone, Willielmi Strikelond, Alani de Hetone, Adæ de Runyntone, Johannis le Vyneter, Willielmi Lirmongere, Radulphi de Erdyntone, Johannis de Westone, Ricardi de Suttone, Johannis Waget, Radulphi de Thornhaghe: Qui dicunt quod quarterium melioris frumenti vendebatur ultimo die mercati pro 40*d.*; secundi pro 3*s.*; tertii pro 2*s.* 8*d.*

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THE rules respecting the differences in the assize of bread, according as it was made by the town or country bakers, and the proportion between the weights of bread of the same price of different qualities, are set down clearly in the assize-books and other documents.

Thus, in a proclamation issued by the Vice-Chancellor, in the time of Philip and Mary, there is contained the following item:

"Item, The said Commissarie commaundith, that no bakers of the "contery hence forthe presume to bring any bread into this Uni-

[q] May 19, 1327.

[r] Sic. The list of defaulters is here added on account of the peculiarities in the description of the bread. Respecting the "panis de trayt," see pp. 49, 72, and 83.

[s] June 11, 1327.

" versitie and Cytie, oneless ther halpeny lofe be in waight one ownc
" above the assyse here appointed, and so ratably in other lovys and
" kindes of bread, accordynge to the order used in London."

So also in the assize-books there is contained an order of the privy council, dated in 1604, in which is found the following item:

" Item, Whereas there are in cities and corporate towns common
" bakers, using the mystery of baking there, and within the same
" cities and towns the foreign bakers, which come into the markets
" with their breads to be sold, shall not only bring with them such
" breads as the law and ordinances do allow to be made and sold,
" as aforesaid; but also keep and observe this order in the weight of
" their breads, as hereafter followeth, because the said forreigners do
" not bear and pay, within the same cities and towns, such scot and
" lot as the bakers of the same towns do."

The order then directs that the country bakers shall observe the following weights in their several sorts of bread:

Their 1*d.* white	shall weigh more than	2 ounces.
1*d.* wheaten	the same sorts of the	3 ounces.
1*d.* household	town bakers bread by	3 ounces.

The same rule appears to have continued during the whole, or at least the greater part, of the 17th century. An assize-book of the date of 1630, mentions also that in the time of Hen. III. " it was
" provided, that the forreiners bread should weigh 10*s.* heavier in
" the penny loaf than the townsdweller."

With respect to the proportion between the weights of the different qualities of bread, it is sufficiently defined in, what is called in the assize-book of Henry VIIth's time, the Statute of Winchester, which runs in the following terms:

" The Statute of Wynchestre.

" This is the assyse of all manner of breade of what grayne of
" corne soever it be. It shall be weyed after the farthyng wastell.
" The symnel shall wey lesse than the wastel by ii*s.* because of the
" sethynge. And the farthynge whyte lofe shall wey more than the
" wastell by ii*s.* because of the brakynge. And that the halfpeny
" wheten lofe shall wey thre farthynge white loves. And the half-
" peny lofe of all manner of corne shall wey two halfpeny white
" loves. And the baker shall be allowed on every quarter for bak-
" ynge, for grout and furnynge iii*d.*, for woode iii*d.*, for the journemen

" iii*d.* ob., for two pages i*d.* halfpeny, for salt ob., for eyste ob., for " candell ob., and for his tyedogge ob., and his bran all to his ad- " vantage.

" And this is the statute of Wynchestre."

An assize-book of the date of 1595, mentions, in the Introduction addressed " to all Magistrates and others her Majesties Officers," that " the auncient custome and order of this realme hath been, that three " halfpeny-worth of white breade should always way one peny-worth " of wheaton bread: and one peny-worth of household bread should " justly way two peny-worth of white bread."

The same rule was continued by the statute of 8th Anne, cap. 18, and subsisted till the year 1758.

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Copy of an indenture of the time of Edward I.[a]

Hec indentura testatur quod die Dominica in festo S^ti^ Mathei Apostoli a^o^ regni regis Edwardi xviii. Robertus de Sottewell et Rog. de Belgrave, custodes terrarum et tenementorum alienigenarum de potestate regis Franciæ in com. War. et Leic., deputati virtute cujusdam brevis, Dñi. regis eis inde directi, liberaverunt Priori de Kirkeby-monachorum alienigene domum suam cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, salvis Dño. regi feodis militum (&c.)

Inprimis liberaverunt eidem omnes reliquias, libros et ornamenta ecclesiæ (&c.) xi boves, pretium cujuslibet ix*s.*—iii equos equitandos, pret. iiii*l.*—iii equos carect. pret. xx*s.*, 2 damas domesticas, pret. xl*d.* —ii apros, pret. vi*s.*—v sues, pret. cujuslibet ii*s.* vi*d.*—xxviii hogettos, pret. cujuslibet xviii*d.*—xviii porcellos allactatos[b], pret. cujuslibet v*d.*—xv porcellos lactantes, pret. cujuslibet iii*d.*—ii cignos aeris, pret. dim̄. marc̄. 2 alios, pret. xl*d.*—xxi anates pret. xxi*d.*—Item liberaverunt i quarterium ii estr̄. et dimid. frumenti in granario, pret. quarter̄. vi*s.* Item i quart^r^. ii estr. et dim̄. siliginis, pretium quarterii v*s.* Item xiii quarteria draḡ.[c] in granar, et in garbis per esti-

[a] From Dugdale's MSS. in the Ashmolean Museum, No. 6505 H. p. 152, and obtained by him " ex autog. penes Will. com. Denbigh."

[b] Perhaps meaning *ablactatos.*

[c] " Dragium. Drag, a coarser sort of bread-corn. Item, ' Reddit computum " de duobus quarteriis avenæ de toto exitu grangiæ trituratis per summam et

macionem xviii quar̄, pret. quar̄ iiis. Itm̄ i quar̄ vi estr̄ fab̄ et piss. in granar̄, et per estimationem in garbis xxxvii quart', pret. quarterii iis. viiid. Item per estimationem in garbis xi quarteria avenæ, pret.' quar.' iis. Item liberaverunt eidem xx bacon̄ cum integro exitu eorundem porcorum, pret. bacon̄ cum exitu iiis. iiiid. (&c.) xviii coclear argenti, pret. cujuslibet xd. (&c.) Item liberaverunt eidem apud Kirkeby quater viginti et octo acras terræ et dimid frumenti seminatus, pret. acræ iis. (&c.) In cujus (&c.) sigill. dictorum Prioris et custodum alternatim est signata. Dat. diebus, locis, et anno prædictis.

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Proclamation of the Vice-Chancellor in the time of Philip and Mary[e].

Forasmuche as Mr. Com̄issarie of this Universitie plainely perceaveth that suche thinges as of late in this place were by hym proclaymed toke not so good effecte as he wysshid, partely for that some were oblyvious and forgatful, some ignorant not understandynge the matter, some absent, some maliciously bent as enemyes to all good order tendynge to a com̄on weale, and that (as it ys to be thought) through the meane of suche the saide proclamacon̄ was not longe suffered to remayne in this open place to be seen of them that

" de xvii quarteriis et tribus bussellis *dragii* supra mixtis—et triturabit bussel-
" los ordei vel dragei avenæ.' Consuetud. Domus de Farendon MSS. f. 11. In
" Staffordshire they now use a sort of malt made of oats mixed with barley, which
" they call dreg-malt. And in Essex, &c. they have a grain called dreg, of which
" Tho. Tusser, in his Husbandry, p. 32.

" Sow barley and *dreg* with a plentiful hand,
" Lest weed sted of seed overgroweth thy land.
" Thy dreg and thy barley go thresh out to malt."

Cowel's Interpreter, edit. 1701, *and not in the earlier editions.*

[e] This proclamation mentions the day of the month, viz. the 14th of December, but no date of the year, which may have been 1554, 1555, 1556, or 1557. Anthony Wood mentions that in 1555 " there was so great and almost unheard
" of scarcity of wheat in Oxford, that several societies being scarce able to live,
" (for the act of provisions was not yet published,) had leave from their govern-
" ors to go into the country to their respective homes, to remain there till such
" time that bread corn was more plentiful." The Act alluded to is the Act 2d and 3d Ph. and Mar. cap. 15, which mentions in its preamble that " divers pur-

wolde have been well contented to have observid the same as profitable precepts unto our cōmon weale, but taken downe by them I saye, as by lyke neither mynde to doe well themselves nor be content that any other shulde: wherefore the said cōmissary once agayne thinketh hit good that the same be newely published as things cōmodious unto this oure cōmon weale, and necessary to be observed. Understand ye therfore, whereas dyvers persons through insatiable covetousnes, sekynge only their private cōmoditie, have by forestallinge and regratyng of this markett pitifully inhanced all kyndes of victualls, and have brought other things to reasonable prices: the said Cōmissarie, myndynge present redresse in that behalfe, straytely chargeth and cōmandeth, that no maner of person from henceforth forestall or regrate this markett, uppon peine of the forfeiture of xs., over and above the penaltie of the statutes of this realme provided for suche offenders.

Item, that no mañer of person sell a cople of gray conyes of the best above viiid., the fattest capon not above xiiiid., the caponet not above viiid., the fattest goose not above xiid., the fattest pygge not above xiid., the pownde of the best butter not above iiid., and that no mañer of person sell under iiii egges for one peñy, nor the tallow chaundelors sell a pownd of the best cotton candells above iiid., uppon peine of imprisonment and forfeiture of triple the valewe of all and syngular suche persons as shall offend aganst this proclamation or any artycle therein conteynyd.

Moreover the said Cōmyssary chargethe and cōmaundethe, that no baker bake after dyvers assyses, as one for this Universitie and towne, and an other for the countrey, upon peyne of streight imprisonment and other punishments, as unto the said Cōmissarie shal be thought mete for suche offenders in that behalfe.

Item, that every brewer, accordynge to his portion, do make suffycient provision to serve this Universitie and City of good ale, sixtynes and peny ale, at the prices lymited, and that at every time they brewe

"veyors and takers have of late excessively frequented the said markets, (viz. "the markets of Cambridge and Oxford,) and thereby given occasion to make "the victuals both more skant and much dearer, to a notorious decay of scho-"lars, which also in this great dearth is like to increase and be more lament-"able," and the Act therefore enacts that purveyors shall not take victuals within five miles of Cambridge or Oxford. As the Vice-Chancellor's proclamation mentions "the great penury and lack of this present and miserable time, "and the poverty of the multitude, as well scholars and citizens," the true date of it was probably Dec. 14, 1555.

they hange out ther signes, affter the olde accustomyd mañer uppon the lyke peyne as ys aforesaid.

Item, that all benchers sell a resonable penye worthe of good and holsome victualls, and that from Christmas next comynge they skore with no mansyple of College nor Hall, uppon peyne of forfeiture of all things so skored, and utterly to be voyde of all remedy by lawe for the recovery of the same at the said Comyssaryes hande, and the manciple, that shall suggest or move them to the same, to lose his office, never to be restoryd to the same agayne.

Item, the said Comyssarie, myndynge all occasions of the breche of peace and discord utterly to be taken away, dothe streightly charge and comaunde, that no man of this Universitie or suburbs of the same were any weapon, as sworde, woodknife, daggar, or any such other lyke, uppon peine of forfeiture of every suche weapon or weapons, and his body to prison: Excepte suche persons as by auctorytie are accustomyd so to doe, which are, the Chauncelor or his Comyssarie and his servants and deputes, the proctors and their servants, Mr. Maior of the Cytie and his servants, the bayleis and their officers, and the counstabels, when they are callid to doe their office, and not at other tymes. And this muche for the former proclamacon.

Nowe as concurnynge this present daye, Whereas dyvers persons of this Universitie and Cytie, havynge wyne to sell, brochethe hit almost as soone as it comythe home, before it be any thinge fyned, to no lytell daunger of all such as drinketh of the same, whereby yt is much to be fearid that grevous sickenes must briefely of necessitie insue: the said Comyssarye streyhtly comandethe and chargethe, that all they which have any suche wyne a broche, not parfectly fyned, and not fully halfe drawen forthe, ymediatly stoppe it upp, and sell no more of hit untill hit be fyne, and that from hence forthe no wyne seller, within the said Cytie or subbarbs of the same, sett any kynde of wyne a broche to be solde, untill suche tyme as the saide Comissarie hath a triall thereof wether it be good and holsome, and be by hym allowed to be sold, uppon peine of forfeiture of xxs. for every such vessell set a broche.

Item the said Comissarie comaundethe, that no man sell of the best Gascoyne wyne above x*d.* the gallon, v*d.* the pottell, ii ob the quarte, and i*d.*q the pynte, and of Sibbyes, Rochell, Quinocke, and suche other small wynes, not above viii*d.* the gallon, iiii*d.* the pottell, ii*d.* the quart, and a penye the pinte, uppon peine of forfeiture for every gallon, pottell, quarte, and pinte, solde contrarye to this proclamacon,

triple the valewe, and farther imprisonmente of theyr bodyes, as shall bee thoughte mete for suche transgressors.

Whereas in the late proclamacōn there was no mention made of Secke and Malvesey, and Muskadell, nor price sett uppon the same, which to be done was no less necessarie than the reste, for that there ys herin muche abuse, Maister Comissarie nowe by this presents chargethe and comaundethe, that no man within this Universytie and citie, or suburbs of the same, sell hence forth a gallon of the best Secke and Malvesey, not above xx*d.* the gallon, x*d.* the pottell, v*d.* the quarte, and ii*d.* the pinte, nor the best Muskadell, not above ii*s.* the gallon, xii*d.* the pottell, vi*d.* the quarte, and iii*d.* the pinte, nor sett none of these kyndes of wyne abroche, before it be by hym approvid and allowed to be good and lawfull to be solde, uppon like peine and forfeiture as was appoynted to the breaker of the order for Gascon wyne, and for the better certificat hereof he hath subscribed this decre with his awne hand this xiiiith daye of this monthe of December.

Item, where certayne gready people, seekinge ther private lucre and profitte, without respecte unto the comon weale, in makynge of unlawfull, yea, and also unholsome cakebread, and yet not halfe the wayte the ought to be, stewynge of naughtie and roten prunes, and stewynge of wardens, makinge of flawnes, custards, chesecakes, apple pies, and such other trifils, under a slyghte and colour pikerthe the purses of the poore: the said Comissarie (the greate penurie and lacke of this present and miserable tyme considerid, and the povertie of the multitude, as well scholars as citizens), utterly forbiddithe any suche kinde of superfluous dilicats, to be providid and solde hens forthe, unto any person or persons, uppon peine of forfeiture of the same, and suche other correction as unto hym shalbe thought goode against such offenders.

Item, he comaundethe, that no Innehalder, nor any other person, unto whose houses the pulterers and others repare with victualls, ingrosse not upp the best part of yt, as of late tyme they have byn accustomid to doe, before it coom to the markett, but suffer it to be brought thyther, and ther to by as others dothe, for theyr necessarie use, and theyr gestes, and not to bye cony, capon, wylfolde, butter, chese, egges, or any other kynde of victuall to be seld forth a doores againe by retayle, onle if it happon at some tyme they have more than wyll serve ther nede, and therin not to take in advantage above ii*d.* in the shillinge at the most, uppon peine for the first faute that they be taken withall to forfeite iii*s.* iiii*d.*, for the second vi*s.* viii*d.*,

and for the third xs., and as ther contumacie further encreasythe, so ther peynes to be augmentid accordynge to the discretion of the saide Comissarie.

Item, the said Comissarie comaundethe, that no hackestars, which unfeyledly be a greate occasion in this Universitie and Citie of the raysynge of the price of victualls, by any kynde of victuall to sell againe before nyne of the clocke, and after this it is once broughte they take not of clere gaynes above a farthinge in the penny over the price they paied for yt in the markett, uppon peine of forfeiture of triple so muche, as often as they shall be founde culpable herin.

Item, the said Comissarie comaundethe that the white bakers shall not sell theyr brane unto any forenner untill suche tyme as the browne bakers and other in habitants of the Universitie and Citie have so muche as maie suffice to ther necessarie uses, to be spent within the said Universitie and Citie. And that the said white bakers sell, or cause to be solde, unto the said brown bakers, and other inhabitants of this Universitie and Citie, a busshell of the best branne not above viiid., uppon peine of xxd. for every busshell so solde.

Item, the said Comissarie decreeth and precisely chargethe, that the brown bakers shall hens forthe make but iii horseloves[f] to the penye, and xiid. only to dosyn, without vauntage, and every peny worthe of horsbred to weigh at the least ii penye worth of wheten breade, accordinge to the old Statute of Wynchester, uppon peine of forfeiture of so muche as they shall bee founde faultie in, and of their bodies to prison, there to remayne at the will and pleasure of the Commissarie.

Item, the said Commissarie comaundith, that no bakers of the contery hence forthe presume to bring any bread into this Universitie and Cytie, oneless ther halpeny lofe be in waight one ownc above

[f] An Assize book of the date of 1595, speaking of the statute *Assiza panis et Cervisiæ*, observes, "And the statute doth appoint but three sorts of bread to be "made and sold unto the subjects in the commonwealth, viz. white bread, "wheaten and household bread: yet nevertheless horse-bread hath had his con-"tinuance for so long a time, and the use thereof so profitable and necessary to "the commonwealth, that it standeth rightly with the lawe to have his continu-"ance, and the assize thereof hath been and so must continue, that three horse "loves be sold from the bakers for a peny, 13d. for 12d., and that every one "lofe shall weigh the full weight of the peny white lofe, at what price soever the "quarter of wheate be sold at." Respecting the statute of Winchester, see p. 87. It does not appear to mention horse-bread.

the assyse here appointed, and so ratably in other lovys and kindes of bread, accordynge to the order used in London.

And to conclude, to thintente that everie man maye knowe his dutie, and not by ignorance incurr any of the foresaid penalties, wherof the said Comissarie wolde be very sorye, who sekethe for nothing els but only for the good order and comon weale as well of the Cytie as of the Universytie, he streightely chargethe and comaundethe, that no man what soever he bee, rente, teare, or plucke down this present proclamacon, but suffer it cotinually to remayne in this place, uppon peine of excomunication, and streight imprisonmente, unfaynidly to be exequutid uppon the transegressor of this comaundment.

God save the King and the Quene,
and graunte them longe most prosperously
to reigne over us.

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Extracts from the Manuscripts of Dr. Simon Forman, Physician[d].

The quarter beginning March 11, 1585, ending June 11.

Corn was at a reasonable price, and all things else; except linen cloth, flax, hemp. Soap, and all sweetsmelling things was dear. And pins-points, laces, thread, silkes, velvets, cambricks, lace, and needle work, was much set by, and fine costly works and all such things as belong to Venus. And those that were drawers of fine needle work and embroiderers were much set a work and much regarded. And there was much pride and lechery used, and much slandering and backbiting, and hatred and deceits used, yea even among friends. Sugar was very dear, worth 18*d.* a pound.

Victuals was reasonable good cheap, as butter, eggs, fish, flesh,

[d] From MSS. in the Ashmolean Museum, No. 6866, Arch. 384. f. 133. The bulk of these MSS. consists of astrological predictions, at the head of which there is always placed an astrological figure similar to what we see at present in Moore's Almanacks, with a title, "Figura introitus Solis in Ariet." or "in "Capric." or as the case may be. Sometimes notices of events are subjoined, and from such notices these are extracts. In these MSS. the Roman and modern notation are used promiscuously.

veal, lamb, beef, mutton, &c. There was much lawe this time, and lawyers were well fed a while, but at last they had a fall.

The quarter beginning June 11, 1585, ending Sept. 13.

This summer was very wet and rainy, and much hail did fall often. A fair day was dainty, and it was marvailously cold, and much thunder and lightning. Wheat was worth 3*s.* a bushel, barley 22*d.* Good store of pepped nuts, and but little masts. The fruit was reasonable.

The wines proved very well this year for sacks and claret, and white wine, but especially sacks. Oils was reasonable; but the bees did not prosper, honey and wax was dear and scant. Hops reasonable had it not been for the wet, but the wet spoiled many. Grass and hay reasonable store. Flesh, good cheap, and other victuals, as butter and cheese. Linen cloth somewhat dear.

The quarter beginning Sept. 13, ending Dec. 12, 1585.

This time of harvest or autumn was very wet and rainy, and the weather unstable, and the harvest was very late, for in many places it was fortnight after Michaelmas or their harvest was in. And not above 23 miles from us it was so. It was very late also with us about Sarum, by reason of the wet. The corn was full of weeds, and did yield but badly. Wheat about this time was worth 2*s.* 2*d.* and seven groats a bushel, but it did rise apace; barley was at 16*d.* oats at 8*d.* and 10*d.* And sheep were very good cheap, for a man might have bought for 5*l.* a hundred, that is, 12*d.* a piece, of ewes and hogs, they were so cothed, the summer was so wet. And there fell much rain in this time, and it was marvailous cold. The weather was very unstable, and there was much lightning and thunder, sometimes three or four days together, that at Wayhill fair there fell such a sudden storm and tempest in the night, with thunder and lightning, and such great wind from the west and south-west, that there was such a cry among the people and great lamentation, that they thought domesdaie had been come, the flood came on them so suddenly, and the storming. Many of them were overthrown, and much of their wares spoiled and lost. And this storm and tempest dured two days and better: agrievous weather it was as ever was seen. But Michaelmas day itself was reasonable fair, but the day before and after was marvaillous to tell of. Wheat was then worth 2*s.* 6*d.*, barley 18*d.* There was this time much robbing at sea, and much preparation to go into Flanders, and much news and tidings,

and great death of rother beasts in the west countries and low countries. Butter and cheese at Michaelmas was reasonable cheap: at 20*s.* a hundred, cheese of the best, and some better cheap at 16*s.* The 9th of October the king of Portugal came to Sarum, and stayed there about three days.

The quarter beginning Dec. 13, 1585, ending March 11, 1586.

Aries in 12th a. with ⊕ and ♀ in her detriment signifieth a great death of all sorts of these cattle, viz. of horses, sheep in the low countries by means of cothe, of swine in the new forest, and in divers other places, of cows in Somersetshire. The death of kine was so great, that all the winter and lent following butter was in Somersetshire at 6*d.* a lb., and cheese at 3*d.*, and also it was very dear in all places. Cheese and butter was very dear with us at Sarum, but we had little death of cattle with us. But all victuals was dear, and barley was worth 2*s.*, wheat 4*s.*, and 13 groats, malt 2*s.*, oats 20*d.*, rye was worth 4*s.*, peason at 2*s.* Hay and straw was reasonable plenty. But wood and coal was very dear with us, and good ale was dear, for there was none good to be had, the brewers put in too much water. Pepper was worth 13 groats, ginger 2*s.* 6*d.* Salt was worth 10 groats. Flesh was very dear till Midsummer following. Honey and wax was scant, for the bees did prosper ill the summer before. About Christmas, and a month before, and eight weeks after, the swine and other cattle did die abundance; the summer before there was no masts. But nuts reasonable, and other fruit reasonable in all places.

The quarter beginning March 11, 1586, ending June 12.

This spring cattle of all sorts, viz. sheep that were good and sound, were very dear in the high countries and the low countries also. Rother beasts were very dear in the west countries, but not so dear with us. Horses were very dear with us, and swine and much cattle died this spring. Victuals and flesh were very dear, and so was butter and cheese all the spring time. Wheat in this spring time was worth 4*s.*, and the price did rise daily. Barley was worth 2*s.* 6*d.* So was malt and all kind of grain, that there was like to be a great famine among the poor. And had not the justices kept down the market, and made the farmers to thresh out their corn, and bring it to the market, corn would have been with us, if they might have been suffered to have sold as they would that had to sell, at 7*s.* or 8*s.* a bushel: it was at 17 groats with us, and in other

places it was much dearer than it was with us. In some places west the poor went into the farmers' barns, and threshed out their corn, whether they would or no, and many uproars were like to be for want of corn, yet there was enough in the realm, if it had been brought forth, but men would not bring it forth till they were compelled. There came this year much rye out of Dantzic to England, and was sold for 10 groats a bushel in the spring time in divers places of the land, London, Bristow, Hampton, &c. Money was much regarded, and much working of treason and falshood, and murmuring of wars, and much going over into Flanders, and poor commons oppressed by taxes and payments, and by unjust dealings. No law, nor justice to be had, but rigour and hatred, and one ready to cut another's throat, and all for money, to maintain pride, and knavery. Hops were worth at Whitsuntide, the 22d of May, 41*s.* a hundred, pepper 4*s.*, sugar, the best 16*d.*, anisseeds 7*d.*, ginger 2*s.*

The quarter beginning June 12, 1586, ending Sept. 13.

This summer season was sometime wet and sometime dry, but there was no great dryth nor much fair weather all this season, but leaping and drisking weather. There was no hot weather, but mild all this summer. Corn, as wheat, was very dear at 5*s.* and 17 groats a bushel, barley at 3*s.*, malt at 3*s.*, oats at 2*s.*, rye at 4*s.* Victuals was dear. Many poor like to starve, and make uproars for want of bread, and some hanged themselves, as well those that had no need of such things as those that wanted. Oil was dear this summer, and olives. But the corn in the field did prosper very well in our country, both wheat and barley, and few weeds in the corn. And in most countreys about the corn was very good; and as for peason, vetches, oats and such like, there was never so many seen in our country of Wiltshire as there was this year; God be praised, there was great store at harvest. And the harvest was very soon and timely in most places this year: a month after Midsummer they were at it in most places with us; but about London and those countreys the peason, vetches, oats, beans and such like did fail, for the floods of water had drowned them up in the low countreys, and the harvest with them was somewhat late. There was great store of radishes and cucumbers this year in most places, and purslane; but not many onions nor garlick. Few plums, not many apples nor pears. The hops did prosper but badly this year.

The quarter beginning Sept. 13, 1586, ending Dec. 12.

The month of September was very wet, and it rained almost every day more or less. Much wind. Wheat was worth 10 groats, barley 20*d.* Flesh reasonable cheap; butter and cheese dear. Cucumbers and radishes great store. Few plums, pears and apples. Linen cloth, as canvas, holland, and such like, is very dear. Oil is dear, herst as dear. There was but few plums and other fruit and pears this year. Great store of cucumbers, and radishes, and turnips, and cabbages. Wheat was worth 11 groats a bushel at Wayhill fair, barley was at 21*d.* and 22*d.* a bushel. It was in Salisbury, the 8th of October, Saturday, wheat at 4*s.*, and 11 groats and 2*d.*, barley at 2*s.*, butter at 3½*d.* a lb., cheese 2¼*d.* a lb. The best cheese at 25*s.* a hundred, the second best at 22*s.* the worst cheese at 18*s.* at Wayhill and at Sarum, 1586, Oct. 2. Horses and geldings and colts were very dear at this time, but a man might have bought cothed sheep for five pound a hundred, 12*d.* a piece, at Wayhill. Flesh was reasonable good cheap, at this time. All kinds of linen cloth was dear. Oil was worth 30*l.* a tun. Salt at 2*s.*, and 7 groats the bushel.

The 11th of October white salt was worth 10 groats a bushel at the carts, and wheat at 11 groats, and 11 groats and 2*d.*, and barley at 23*d.*, butter at 3½*d.*, cheese 2¼*d.* a pound.

Oct. 31. Currants 2*s.* a hundred. Yarn also was good cheap. Butter at 3*d.* a pound. Cheese at 2*d.* Wheat at 3*s.* 4*d.* Barley 22*d.* Salt, white, at 10 groats. Pepper at 4*s.* Malt at 22*d.*

The winter quarter, beginning Dec. 1586, the 12th day[e].

A note of things that were very dear all this quarter with us at Sarum and in other places.

All linen cloth, viz. hollands, canvas, fustians, jane, was more dear than ever it was before. Dun fustian at 14*d.* and black also. Hops at 40*s.* a hundred. Figs were very dear at 4*d.* and 5*d.* a lb. Oranges, lemons, sugar, train oil and oil, all sorts of wines, tallow, butter, grease and fat, pepper, salt. Eggs four a penny, did rise and fall, sometime seven for 2*d.* Hens, capons, ducks, geese, pheasants, were

[e] The title to this quarter is in the following words: "The winter quarter "astronomical and first part of this year 1587, according to our common ac- "count, began the 12th day of December last past, in the year 1586, being "Monday, in the forenoon, 20 minutes after 10 of the clock, at which time the "sun entered the first minute of the sign Capricorn, and will continue until the "11th day of March 1587, being Saturday, until 19 minutes after 2 of the clock "in the afternoon, at which time the sun entereth the head of Aries."

very dear. Beef, mutton, lamb, veal. Wheat all this quarter was at 11 groats a bushel, barley at 2*s.*, oats at 18*d.*, malt at 2*s.* Raisins, fish, dry fish, and salt fish, poor Jonas, at 13*s.* a hundred, herrings, oysters at 4*d.* a hundred. Flax, hemp, leather for shoemakers, hides, coals and wood, did fall of the former price, and was better cheap than at summer before. Horses, geldings, mares, and rother beasts were dear. Hay and straw reasonable. Rhubarb was very dear. Dates. Wool in Feb. began to rise a little.

These things following were better cheap than they were before, viz. currants at 28*s.* a hundred, grains 12*d.* a lb., ginger at 12*d.* a lb. Woollen cloth, and yarn, and wool, was at 23*s.* a weight, but wool was better cheap at Michaelmas than now, for one might have bought then for 17*s.* a weight. Cheese did keep hard about a price, but did rise something; it was worth in Feb. 26*s.* a hundred, and butter at 4*d.* a lb. Wood, faggots, and coals, did fall in the price, and was better cheap at Christmas than at Michaelmas before; two sacks of coals for 7*d.* and 80 faggots for 10 groats. Honey and wax kept his ordinary price, and these prices it kept in March. Castile soap was dear, black soap 23*s.* a hundred. Hops 40*s.* Pease eight groats. Barley 2*s.* Oats 1*s.* 6*d.* Wheat 4*s.* in March. Butter at 4*d.* Cheese 23*s.*

This quarter, in the beginning of Feb. 1587, and in all that month, there was many lies and flying tales, and strange news and rumours. Very many like to make an uproar, which made many folks almost at their wits end to hear thereof, and yet was, all or for the most part, all false rumours and tales; and in this month the queen of Scots was beheaded, and there was much noise of wars, and our ships stayed in France, and our merchants. And poor Jonas and dry fish was very dear, at 15*s.* a hundred, and train oil was very scant and dear, and most things was dear, but woollen yarn was very good cheap, at 20*s.* a weight of wool of the best.

The quarter beginning Sept. 13, 1591.

In this quarter corn fell and came to 2*s.* a bushel wheat, barley at 18*d.* Sixteen cucumbers for 1*d.* Musk millions at a groat and 3*d.* a piece, and some at 6*d.*

The quarter beginning the 12th day of June, 1593.

This quarter whale oil did fall much in its price, 6*l.* or 7*l.* in a tun, and hops did fall in price, but pitch did wax more dear, and was worth in August 12*s.* a barrel, where before it was sold for 6*s.* a

barrel. Lemons were skant, and wonderful dear. Mithridate and treacle was much esteemed, and the herb and root of angelica, cardanus benedictus, and dragon water. Whale oil did rise after the sun entered Cancer: before it was worth some 36*l.* a tun, and then it began to fall, and came to 29*l.* And fine Seville oil is worth 33*l.* and is also better cheap than before. Soap ashes rose in price. Semen citri rose in price from 4*s.* to 10*s.* a pound. Rhubarb is fallen 40*s.* in a lb. from 8*l.* to 6*l.* Allum rose 2*s.* in a hundred, from 28*s.* to 30*s.* Galls rose 40*s.* a hundred, from 4*l.* 5*s.* to 6*l.* 5*s.* Wine is fallen from 28*l.* to 20*l.* a tun. Raisins of the sun are fallen from 34*s.* to 28*s.* English hops fell from 4*l.* a hundred to 37*s.*, and Flemish hops from 40*s.* to 20*s.*

1594. The 11th of March. Sun in Aries.

During the time that Saturn was in ascendant direct, meridional, or septent. ass. lead did rise in price, and when Saturn did go retrograde, it did fall always a little, though not much. If Saturn was septentrional as. and then when he went direct, being septent. ass. it did rise again, so that it came from 6*l.* 13*s.* a tun to 10*l.* a tun, and 1593, in June, it was worth but 7*l.* a tun, and 1594, in December, it was worth 10*l.* a tun, and it did rise from 7*l.* by little and little till it came to 10*l.* Tin likewise did begin to rise 1593, when Jupiter entered Aquarius, and did rise still, so that it came from 5*d.* to 9*d.* 1594, Dec. This year from Whitsuntide 1594, corn, malt, wheat began to rise, and came to 6*s.* a bushel, and at Michaelmas it was so, and did fall but little till Lent following 1595, but was very dear, and worth 14 groats when it was least. Bordeaux wines began to fall, and was sold for 3*d.* a pint from the beginning of the year 1594 all that year, and sack was at 23*l.* a tun.